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**Subject:** FOIA Reassignment for EPA-HQ-2017-002051 for Request EPA-HQ-2017-002051

The FOIA request - EPA-HQ-2017-002051 has been reassigned. Additional details for this item are as follows:

- Assigned By: Cynthia Floyd-Coleman
- Tracking Number: EPA-HQ-2017-002051
- Due Date: 02/14/2017
- Sent Date: 12/14/2016
- Requester: Anthony Lacey
- Request Track: Expedited
- Short Description: N/A
- Long Description: Seeking all communications (emails, letters, PowerPoint presentations, etc.) sent by EPA and received at EPA to and from both the Trump transition team and the Trump "landing team" of select staff from Nov. 15, 2016, to Dec. 14, 2016. The transition team is the one with the website greatagain.gov. The "landing team" is the Trump transition team officials that are working directly with EPA: Myron Ebell, David Schnare, David Kreutzer, Austin Lipari, David Stevenson, and George Sugiyama. EPA is aware of the members of its own transition team, but to cover all the bases, the head of EPA's transition effort is Shannon Kenny. EPA has made minimal information about the transition available to the public, and the communications between EPA and the landing/transition team are impossible to obtain unless through FOIA. To make clear: this request includes all materials generated by EPA as well as all materials generated by the transition and/or landing team and sent to EPA.

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**Subject:** Transition Related FOIA Spreadsheet  
**Attachments:** PETT Requests Update 1-17-17.pdf

Good morning, Team:

Here is the spreadsheet distributed at the meeting in color. Victoria and I will follow up with a recap email and locate a template for the 10 day/unusual circumstances letter.

Nice speaking with everyone!

Nicole

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President-Elect Transition Team Requests

Status	Tracking Number	EP?	FW?	Fee Category	Primary Topic	Secondary Topic	Requester	Requester Organization	Submitted	Date Range	Description/Basis for Appeal	Notes
CLOSED	EPA-HQ-2017-001162	No	Yes	Media	Briefing Materials		Doug Pardue	The Post and Courier	11/09/2016		Under the FOIA I m requesting an emailed copy of the EPA's Transition Team Briefing for President Elect Donald trump's transition team.	10 Day letter issued; CLOSED 12/22/16
OPEN	EPA-HQ-2017-001216	No	No	Media	Election Results		David LaRoss	Inside EPA	11/11/2016	11/8/2016 to 11/10/2016	I am seeking all internal EPA emails, including those from program offices, regarding Donald Trump, Hillary Clinton or the results of the 2016 presidential election sent between 7 PM on Nov. 8 (that is, Election Day) and 10 AM on Nov. 10.	140 custodians
CLOSED	EPA-HQ-2017-001237	No	No	Other	Briefing Materials		Russ Kick		11/13/2016		I hereby request all briefing materials and information relating to the Presidential transition prepared by your agency for the Trump administration's Agency Review Teams and incoming political appointees.	10 Day letter issued; CLOSED 12/22/16
CLOSED	EPA-HQ-2017-001566	No	No	Media	Briefing Materials		Kevin Bogardus	Greenwire	11/23/2016	5/1/2016 to present	I request copies of all records prepared for and/or distributed to any individuals affiliated with and/or employed by the transition team for Presiden-elect Donald Trump from May 1, 2016 to the date that this FOIA request is processed.	CLOSED 12/22/16
OPEN	EPA-HQ-2017-001604	No	No	Media	Jeff Sessions		Jason Cherkis	Huffington Post	11/28/16	1997 to present	any and all correspondence between the EPA and Sen. Jeff Sessions of Alabama from January 1, 1997 and the present.	
OPEN	EPA-HQ-2017-001745	No	No	Media	Election Results		Josh Voorhees		12/02/2016	11/8/2016 to 11/11/2016	I request a copy of each email sent on November 8th, November 9th, November 10th, or November 11th of this year (2016) to or from any employee at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's National Headquarters, which contains any of the the following words: "Trump," "Clinton," "Fuck," "Fucking," "Fucked," "Shit," or "Damn."	
OPEN	EPA-HQ-2017-001750	No	No	Media	Other		Josh Voorhees		12/02/2016	11/20/2016 to present	I request a copy of each email sent on or after November 20, 2016 through present to or from any employee at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Headquarters, which contains the words "Trump," "Myron," "Ebell," and/or "transition."	
OPEN	EPA-HQ-2017-001784	No	No	Media	Comms with/re Landing Team	Briefing Materials	Jason Cherkis	Huffington Post	12/05/2016	11/1/2016 to present	Any and all communications between EPA administrators and President-Elect Trump's transition team members between November 1, 2016 and the present.	Briefing Materials Interim Response Needed; 140 custodians
CLOSED	EPA-HQ-2017-001797	Yes	Yes	Media	Briefing Materials		Tim Fernholz	Quartz	12/05/2016		I request a copy of any documents or presentations provided to Donald Trump's presidential transition team by EPA employees, including presentation materials for briefings; policy reviews; memoranda of any kind; personnel or ethical guidelines. I am also requesting a list of all EPA employees who have met with the Trump transition team, when those meetings occurred and who was present.	CLOSED 12/22/16
TO BE CLOSED	EPA-HQ-2017-001800	Yes	Yes	Media	Trump Email Domain(s)		Eileen Sullivan		12/05/2016	6/3/2016 to 12/5/2016	I request access to and copies of: • All emails sent to or sent from your agency employees in which the Internet domains trump.com, trumporg.com, ptt.gov or donaldjtrump.com are in email addresses in the To, From, CC, BCC, Subject or Body fields of the message. • The time frame for this request is June 3, 2016 through today, Dec. 5, 2016. This request covers emails and email attachments,	Sent email to requester 12/19/16 with list of 77 EPA Senior employees to seek clarification and consent to admin close 2017-001800 as duplicate Deadline: COB 12/22 to respond
CLOSED	EPA-HQ-2017-001808	Yes	NB	Media	Briefing Materials		Derek Kravitz	ProPublic	12/06/2016		I request copies of: • All agency briefing materials related to the Presidential transition for Agency Review Teams (also known as Agency Landing Teams). These materials include, but are not limited to, an agency's mission, vision and strategic goals; organizational chart; budget; human capital overview; current Presidential appointees; and an overview of priority issues facing the organization.	CLOSED 12/22/16
CLOSED	EPA-HQ-2017-001812	No	No	Other	Briefing Materials		Michael Ravnitzky		12/06/2016	7/1/2016 to present	A copy of the EPA agency briefing materials related to the Presidential transition for Agency Review Teams or Agency Landing Teams. I am primarily interested in records from the time period July 1, 2016 to present.	CLOSED 12/22/16
OPEN	EPA-HQ-2017-001816	Yes	NB	Media	Trump Email Domain(s)		Eileen Sullivan		12/06/2016	6/3/2016 to 12/5/2016	I request access to and copies of: • All emails sent to or sent from your agency employees in which the Internet domains trump.com, trumporg.com, ptt.gov or donaldjtrump.com are in email addresses in the To, From, CC, BCC, Subject or Body fields of the message. • The time frame for this request is June 3, 2016 through today, Dec. 5, 2016. This request covers emails and email attachments,	140 custodians
CLOSED	EPA-HQ-2017-001835	No	No	Commercial	Briefing Materials		Michael Morisy	MuckRock News	12/06/2016	11/1/2016 to 12/31/2016	Requesting a copy of the primary briefing materials created by XXXX for purposes of the Presidential Transition Process, specifically any presentations created for or delivered to members of the Presidential Transition Team for the new Administration during November/December 2016.	CLOSED 12/22/16
OPEN	EPA-HQ-2017-001838	Yes	NB	Media	Other		Reade Levinson	Thomson Reuters	12/06/2016	11/8/2016 to present	Requesting any and all written or electronic communications between the Environmental Protection Agency staff and Graduate-Level Civil and Environmental Engineering Programs and involved labs related to potential changes in research and development funding under President-Elect Donald Trump from November 8, 2016 to present.	
OPEN	EPA-HQ-2017-001844	No	No	Media	Internal Transition Materials		Kevin Bogardus	Greenwire	12/06/2016		I request copies of all talking points as well as all records, which include but is not limited to emails, reports, memoranda, transcripts, used to prepare said talking points for EPA employees regarding the results of the 2016 presidential election and transition teams of both major party candidates, Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump.	OP issue Full Denial - 2 documents responsive withheld in full under Exemption 5 Deliberative Process Privilege
OPEN	EPA-HQ-2017-001868	No	No	Media	Pruitt/OK AG Office		Jason Cherkis	Huffington Post	12/07/2016	1/1/2011 to present	Any and all correspondence between Oklahoma Attorney General Scott Pruitt and the EPA from January 1, 2011 to the present.	



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OPEN	EPA-HQ-2017-001872	No	No	Media	Other	Devon Energy	Jason Cherkis	Huffington Post	12/7/16	1/1/2010 to present	Any and all documents concerning Devon Energy in Oklahoma from January 1, 2010 to the present which should include any requests for waivers, and any documentation regarding any regulatory action taken against them. This should also include correspondence between the EPA and Devon Energy during this time period.	
OPEN	EPA-HQ-2017-001877	No	No	Other	Pruitt/OK AG Office		Colin Byrd		12/7/16		Requesting copy of lawsuit (i.e. complaint) the Attorney General of Oklahoma has filed against the EPA.	OP to task search to OGC
CLOSED	EPA-HQ-2017-001879	No		Media	Pruitt/OK AG Office		Steve Reilly	USA TODAY	12/7/16		A copy of the FOIA request letter and processing notes associated with FOIA Tracking Number : EPA-HQ-2012-001252 (Legacy Tracking Number: HQ-FOI-01841-12) filed by Mr. E. Scott Pruitt on or about 08/15/2012 regarding "all documents from January 1, 2009 to the date of letter that relates to EPA Adminstrator's non-discretionary duty to take certain actions under CAA, CWA, RCRA or SIP."	
OPEN	EPA-HQ-2017-001880	No	Yes	Media	Pruitt/OK AG Office		Steve Reilly	USA TODAY	12/07/2016		A copy of the appeal letter associated with FOIA Appeal #EPA-HQ-2012-001482 and the request letter associated with the request associated with this appeal, # HQ-FOI-01841-12, both of which were filed by Mr. E. Scott Pruitt, as well as EPA's responsive correspondence to both the appeal and request.	OP task search to OGC
REASSIGNED	EPA-HQ-2017-001885	No	Yes	Other	Other		Peter Morgan	Sierra Club	12/8/16		The Requesting Parties ask that EPA provide any and all records relating to:(1) The Clean Water Act violations described in EPA's September 20, 2016, letter to Red River Coal Company; (2) Any correspondence between EPA and Red River Coal Company arising from the September 20, 2016, letter; and (3) Any correspondence between EPA and the Virginia Department of Mines, Minerals, and Energy (DMME) arising from the September 20, 2016, letter.	Tasked to Region - No longer FEAT
OPEN	EPA-HQ-2017-001890	No	No	Other	Pruitt/OK AG Office		Nathaniel Barber		12/8/16		Please provide copies of the following documents in cases in which both USEPA and the State of Oklahoma are parties and that, as of the date of this request, are still pending in any Federal District Court, Federal Circuit Court, or the United States Supreme Court: - the initial pleadings, meaning the complaint and answer and any amended complaint and amended answer, and - the most recent filing by any party	OP create task to OGC to search
OPEN	EPA-HQ-2017-001896	No	No	Other	Pruitt/OK AG Office		Hudson Munoz		12/08/2016	1/1/2010 to 12/8/2016	I am requesting copies of correspondence between Environmental Protection Agency staff and Oklahoma Attorney General Scott E. Pruitt from 2010 to the date of this request. I am also requesting copies of correspondence between EPA staff and any email address with the stem @oag.ok.gov during the same timeframe.	CMS + 140 custodians
TO BE CLOSED	EPA-HQ-2017-001897	No	No	Other	Pruitt/OK AG Office		Hudson Munoz		12/08/2016		I am requesting copies of correspondence between Environmental Protection Agency staff and Oklahoma Attorney General Scott E. Pruitt from 2010 to the date of this request. I am also requesting copies of correspondence between EPA staff and any email address with the stem @oag.ok.gov during the same timeframe.	Administrative closure - duplicate
OPEN	EPA-HQ-2017-001919	Yes	NB	Media	Pruitt/OK AG Office		Andrew Kaczynski	CNN	12/08/2016		I hereby request the following records: 1. Any and all communications between Oklahoma Attorney General Scott Pruitt and the Environmental Protection Agency and/or all representatives of AG Pruitt and the EPA.	140 custodians
OPEN	EPA-HQ-2017-001935	No	No	Media	Other		Jason Cherkis	Huffington Post	12/9/16		Any and all correspondence between the EPA and Rep. Cathy McMorris Rodgers (R-Wash.) between January 1, 2005 and the present.	
OPEN	EPA-HQ-2017-001982	No	NB	Other	Comms with/re Landing Team	Briefing Materials	Rachel Clattenburg	Public Citizen, Inc.	12/12/2016		All records of communications from or on behalf of the Trump-Pence Transition Team to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), for the period from November 8, 2016, through the date of processing this request.	Briefing Materials Interim Response Needed; 140 custodians
OPEN	EPA-HQ-2017-002002	No	No	Media	Comms with/re Landing Team	Briefing Materials	Timothy Cama	The Hill	12/13/2016		Requesting communications between PE Trump's transition team and EPA employees.	
OPEN	EPA-HQ-2017-002023	No	Yes	Media	Comms with/re Landing Team	Briefing Materials	Carrie P. Levine	Center for Public Integrity	12/13/2016	9/1/2016 to present	Any records, documents, emails, questionnaires, memoranda or other correspondence or communications between agency officials and the Trump Presidential Transition Team, regardless of format, medium or physical characteristics and including electronic records and information. The request includes both in-agency and external communications. The likely date range of the records is Sept. 1, 2016 through the present	Briefing Materials Interim Response Needed; 140 custodians
OPEN	EPA-HQ-2017-002024	No	Yes	Media	D.Schnare-specific		Nick Surgey	Center for Media and Democracy	12/13/16		Documents pertaining to David Schnare.	Still working on coming up with strategy to do a centralized search
OPEN	EPA-HQ-2017-002051	Yes	NB	Media	Comms with/re Landing Team	Briefing Materials	Anthony Lacey	Inside EPA	12/14/16	11/5/2016 to 12/14/2016	Seeking all communications (emails, letters, PowerPoint presentations, etc.) sent by EPA and received at EPA to and from both the Trump transition team and the Trump "landing team" of select staff from Nov. 15, 2016, to Dec. 14, 2016. The transition team is the one with the website greatagain.gov. The "landing team" is the Trump transition team officials that are working directly with EPA: Myron Ebell, David Schnare, David Kreutzer, Austin Lipari, David Stevenson, and George Sugiyama. this request includes all materials generated by EPA as well as all materials generated by the transition and/or landing team and sent to EPA.	140 custodians
OPEN	EPA-HQ-2017-002072	Pending	No	Other	Comms with/re Landing Team	Briefing Materials	Yogin Kothari	Union of Concerned Scientists	12/14/16	11/29/2016 to present	Copies of all communications dated November 29, 2016 to present between any of the following individuals and EPA staff. [Lists members of Landing Team]	Briefing Materials Interim Response Needed; 140 custodians
OPEN	EPA-HQ-2017-002076	No	No	Pending	Comms with/re Landing Team		Vale Kenny		12/14/16	11/1/2016 to 12/31/2016	Copy of any communique sent from the Trump transition team to the U.S. EPA during the months of November 2016 and December 2016 where there was a request for information on EPA employees, communications, and programs, and responses to same. I am specifically seeking documents similar in nature to the "74 questions" send to the Department of Energy by the Trump transition team.	Issue No Records Response



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REASSIGNED	EPA-HQ-2017-002080	No	No	Other	Other		Michael Young	Republican Governor's Association	12/15/16		1. I request all records including, but not limited to, documents, correspondence, and emails, from Gwen Graham or members of her staff pertaining to any Graham Companies or affiliated businesses 2. I request all records including, but not limited to, documents, correspondence, and emails, from Gwen Graham or members of her staff, or other congressional offices pertaining to land developments in Florida 3. I request all records including, but not limited to, documents, correspondence, and emails, from Gwen Graham or members of her staff or any other documents pertaining to the "American Dream Project" in Miami Florida	Reassigned to OCIR
REASSIGNED	EPA-HQ-2017-002081	No	No	Other	Other		Michael Young	Republican Governor's Association	12/15/16		1. I request all records including, but not limited to, documents, correspondence, and emails, from Gwen Graham or members of her staff pertaining to any Graham Companies or affiliated businesses 2. I request all records including, but not limited to, documents, correspondence, and emails, from Gwen Graham or members of her staff, or other congressional offices pertaining to land developments in Florida 3. I request all records including, but not limited to, documents, correspondence, and emails, from Gwen Graham or members of her staff or any other documents pertaining to the "American Dream Project" in Miami Florida	Reassigned to OCIR
OPEN	EPA-HQ-2017-002129	Pending	No	Media	Comms with/re Landing Team		Catherine Traywick	Bloomberg News			I request access to and copies of any and all communications (emails, letters, PowerPoint presentations, etc.) transmitted between EPA staff and the Trump transition and landing teams from Sept. 16, 2016, to Dec. 16, 2016 ("the Records").	Briefing Materials Interim Response Needed; 140 custodians
TO BE CLOSED	EPA-HQ-2017-002139	No	No	Other	Other		Hudson Munoz		12/16/16		Specifically, I am requesting copies of correspondence between staff of the Environmental Protection Agency and Representative Cathy McMorris Rodgers or her staff from 2005 to the present. This request is for copies of written and electronic correspondence between Representative McMorris Rodgers and the Department of Interior, and communications between the following individuals and the Agency: [List of House email addresses] and cathymcmorris@yahoo.com	Administrative closure - withdrawn
OPEN	EPA-HQ-2017-002141	No	No	Other	Rep. Ryan Zinke		Hudson Munoz		12/16/16		Ryan Zinke	CMS + 140 custodians
OPEN	EPA-HQ-2017-002142	No	No	Other	Pruitt/OK AG Office		Michael Best	MuckRock News	12/16/16		Requesting records from 2015 and 2016 relating to or mentioning Scott Pruitt, including communications received from or sent to Mr. Pruitt, as well as emails mentioning him.	CMS + 140 custodians
OPEN	EPA-HQ-2017-002143	No	No	Other	Gov. Rick Perry		Hudson Munoz		12/16/16		Rick Perry (HQ)	Combine with 2017-002444; CMS + 140 custodians; Talk to R6 re custodians, BD suggests RA, DRA, Pub. Affairs
TO BE CLOSED	EPA-HQ-2017-002144	No	No	Other	Gov. Rick Perry		Hudson Munoz		12/16/16		Rick Perry (R6)	Advise requester of combination with 2017-002143 and administratively close
OPEN	EPA-HQ-2017-002145	No	Pending	Other	Comms with/re Landing Team		Adam J. Rappaport	CREW	12/16/16		Focuses on questionnaire	Task to OP to close out with a 'No Records' Response
OPEN	EPA-HQ-2017-002149	Yes	Yes	Media	Briefing Materials		Ramin Skibba	Freelance Journalist	12/16/16	11/9/2016 to 12/16/2016	I request that a copy of documents provided by the Environmental Protection Agency to the transition team of President-Elect Donald J. Trump between November 9, 2016 and December 16, 2016. I would prefer the request filled electronically, such as in PDF file format, if possible.	Need to conduct a search for later created documents, as this request covers a date range wider than the others,
TO BE CLOSED	EPA-HQ-2017-002168	No	No	Pending	Pruitt/OK AG Office		Michael Best	MuckRock News	12/19/16		Records from 2016 and 2016 relating to or mentioning Scott Pruitt, including communications received from or sent to Mr. Pruitt, as well as emails mentioning him.	Duplicate
OPEN	EPA-HQ-2017-002172	No	Pending	Pending	Comms with/re Landing Team	Briefing Materials	David Abell	Sierra Club			1. All records involving or relating to communications or meetings of any kind with the Trump Administration EPA Landing Team, hereinafter ("Landing Team") comprised of the following individuals: a. Shannon Kenny, EPA; and b. Myron Ebell, Competitive Enterprise Institute; and c. Chris Horner, Competitive Enterprise Institute; and d. Harlan Watson, U.S. House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology (Retired); and e. David Kreutzer, Senior Research Fellow at the Heritage Foundation; and f. Austin Lipari, Deputy Director with the Federalist Society; and g. David Schnare, General Counsel at the Energy and Environment Legal Institute; and h. Dave Stevenson, Director of the Center for Energy Competitiveness at the Caesar Rodney Institute; and i. George Sugiyama, former Republican Minority Counsel on the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee.	Briefing Materials Interim Response Needed; 140 custodians

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OPEN	EPA-HQ-2017-002191	No	No	Media	Other		Anthony V. Schick	Oregon Public Broadcasting	12/19/16		I request copies of any communications from Region 10 staff in Oregon, Washington or Idaho since July 2016 involving both of the following keywords: "Trump", "President"	No response from requester - called and left VM on 12/22; sent email on 1/6. Will try one more time to contact requester and will talk to R10 FOIA coordinator for logical people to search
OPEN	EPA-HQ-2017-002197	Pending	No	Commercial	Pruitt/OK AG Office		Yogin Kothari	Union of Concerned Scientists	12/19/16		I write to request access to and copies of all communications from January 1st, 2011 to present, between EPA staff and the following individuals: Scott Pruitt, Anyone with the following email domain: @oag.ok.gov	140 custodians and CMS
OPEN	EPA-HQ-2017-002198	No	No	Pending	Rep. Ryan Zinke		Chris Saeger	Western Values Project	12/19/16	1/1/2008 to present	I request access to and copies of all correspondence between Ryan Zinke, the Office of Representative Ryan Zinke (MT-AL) and the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). This should include, but is not limited to all digital, print or other correspondence, including attachments, between or involving Rep. Zinke, members of his staff and any employee within the EPA or contractor working within the EPA on EPA business. This should include correspondence in which Rep. Zinke or members of his staff are carbon copied ("CC'd"). Additionally, prior to serving in the US House, Ryan Zinke served as a Montana State Representative from 2008 – 2014; this request should include any correspondence from then-Montana State Representative Zinke as well. For clarity: the time-period covered by this request is 2008 – present.	OEX, OCIR CMS search; 140 custodians
OPEN	EPA-HQ-2017-002298	No	Pending	Media	Comms with/re Landing Team		Jaclyn Prange	NRDC	12/22/16		Please produce records1 in EPA's possession, custody, or control that are, include, or reflect communications between EPA staff and any member of the transition team(s) of President-elect Donald Trump and/or Vice-President-elect Mike Pence. The term "transition team(s)" includes, but is not limited to, the staff members described in the Presidential Transition Act of 1963 and all amendments, 3 U.S.C. § 102 note. These members may include, but are not limited to, Scott Pruitt, Myron Ebell, David Kreutzer, Austin Lipari, David Schnare, David Stevenson, George Sugiyama, Amy Oliver Cooke, Christopher Horner, and Harlan Watson.	
OPEN	EPA-HQ-2017-002313	No	No	Media	Comms with/re Landing Team		Eric Roston	Bloomberg News	12/23/16		I request access to and copies of all records provided to the President-Elect Donald Trump transition team in connection with the "endangerment and cause or contribute findings" for greenhouse gases under Section 202(a) of the Clean Air Act; and documents reflecting EPA discussions about the preparation or dissemination of said briefing documents.	Issue Stock Docs Response and Close out - Can be link in FOIAonline
OPEN	EPA-HQ-2017-002449	No	No	Media	Election Results		Kevin Bogardus	Greenwire	12/29/16	11/8/2016 to 11/15/2016	all emails containing the word "Trump" resulting from an electronic automated search of the email accounts associated with the individuals listed below that are employed by EPA since Nov. 8, 2016 to Nov. 15, 2016. Those individuals at EPA are: Gina McCarthy Stan Meiburg Donna Vizian Janet McCabe Jim Jones David Bloom Cynthia Giles Ann Dunkin Avi Garbow Arthur A. Elkins, Jr. Jane Nishida Mathy Stanislaus Thomas Burke Joel Beauvais Curt Spalding Judith A. Enck Shawn M. Garvin Heather McTeer Toney Robert A. Kaplan Ron Curry Mark Hague Shaun McGrath Alexis Strauss Dennis McLerran Nichole Distefano David J. Kling Laura Vaught Frank Benenati Micah Ragland Matt Fritz Mike Flynn John Reeder Arian Herckis Luseni Pieh Lateisha Garrett Kate Bluhm Reginald E. Allen Ruth A. Etzel Velveta Golightly-Howell Eric Wachter Christopher Zarba Kimberly Patrick. EPA may consider news articles containing the word "Trump" that have been emailed as non-responsive to my request unless those news articles have been forwarded with commentary.	
OPEN	EPA-HQ-2017-002451	No	No	Media	Pruitt/OK AG Office	Other	Kevin Bogardus	Greenwire	12/29/16	11/8/2016 to present	all emails containing the words and/or phrases "Scott Pruitt," "Pruitt," "Kathleen Hartnett White," "Hartnett White," "Jeffrey Holmstead," "Jeff Holmstead," and/or "Holmstead" resulting from an electronic automated search of the email accounts associated with the individuals listed below that are employed by EPA since Nov. 8, 2016 to the date that this FOIA request is processed. Those individuals at EPA are: Gina McCarthy Stan Meiburg Donna Vizian Janet McCabe Jim Jones David Bloom Cynthia Giles Ann Dunkin Avi Garbow Arthur A. Elkins, Jr. Jane Nishida Mathy Stanislaus Thomas Burke Joel Beauvais Curt Spalding Judith A. Enck Shawn M. Garvin Heather McTeer Toney Robert A. Kaplan Ron Curry Mark Hague Shaun McGrath Alexis Strauss Dennis McLerran Nichole Distefano David J. Kling Laura Vaught Frank Benenati Micah Ragland Matt Fritz Mike Flynn John Reeder Arian Herckis Luseni Pieh Lateisha Garrett Kate Bluhm Reginald E. Allen Ruth A. Etzel Velveta Golightly-Howell Eric Wachter Christopher Zarba Kimberly Patrick. EPA may consider news articles containing the words and/or phrases noted above that have been emailed as non-responsive to my request unless those news articles have been forwarded with commentary.	
OPEN	EPA-HQ-2017-002454	No	No	Media	Pruitt/OK AG Office		Kevin Bogardus	Greenwire	12/29/16	1/1/2015 to present	all records concerning communications between any individuals affiliated with and/or employed by the Oklahoma Office of the Attorney General and any individuals affiliated with and/or employed by EPA regarding from Jan. 1, 2015 to the day that this FOIA request is processed. Please consider any emails, letters, memorandums, text messages, voice and video recordings as well as other documented forms of communication between the Oklahoma Office of the Attorney General and EPA as responsive records to my request. Per conversation with Requester, agreed to narrow search to only CMS	

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OPEN	EPA-HQ-2017-002472	No	No	Media	Comms with/re Landing Team		Brian Dabbs	Bloomberg BNA	12/30/16	11/9/2016 to 12/31/2016	any and all communications between the Environmental Protection Agency and transition team for President-elect Donald Trump regarding the repeal or partial repeal of current EPA regulations through both the Administrative Procedures Act and the Congressional Review Act. I'm targeting all technical and theoretical correspondence between Nov. 9, 2016 and Dec. 31, 2016	
OPEN	EPA-HQ-2017-002516	No	No	Media	Comms with/re Landing Team	Briefing Materials	Tom Benning	Dallas Morning News	1/3/17	11/9/2016 to present	1) Any correspondence – including, but not limited to, letters, emails, memos and email attachments – received by officials at the Environmental Protection Agency from President-elect Donald Trump, his office or officials on his transition team. Please limit the search from Nov. 9, 2016, to now. 2) Any correspondence – including, but not limited to, letters, emails, memos and email attachments – sent by officials at the Environmental Protection Agency to President-elect Donald Trump, his office or officials on his transition team. Please limit the search from Nov. 9, 2016, to now.	
OPEN	EPA-HQ-2017-002662	No	Yes	Media	Briefing Materials		Timothy Cama	The Hill	1/9/17		Any and all transition briefing documents or materials given by the EPA to the transition/landing team for then-President-elect Barack Obama in 2008 and 2009. This includes copies of materials loaded onto technology (e.g. tablets or cloud technology) for ease of use by the transition and/or landing teams.	Ask OP about transition books
OPEN	EPA-HQ-2017-002664	No	Yes	Media	Briefing Materials		Timony Cama	The Hill	1/9/17		Any and all transition briefing documents or materials given by the EPA to the transition/landing team for President-elect Donald Trump. This includes copies of materials loaded onto technology (e.g., but not limited to, tablets or cloud technology) for ease of use by the transition and/or landing teams.	Issue stock docs response
OPEN	EPA-HQ-2017-002683	Yes	Yes	Media	Briefing Materials		Elizabeth Thompson	Canadian Broadcasting Corporation	1/10/17		Copies of all briefing notes, reports or documents requested by, or provided to, President-Elect Donald Trump's transition team that include mention of Canada, the Canadian government or Canadian companies.	Issue stock docs response
OPEN	EPA-HQ-2017-002701	Yes	Yes	Media/Education	Jeff Sessions		Ryan Shapiro	MIT	1/10/17	1975 to the present	Requesting any and all records constituting, mentioning or referring to any and all correspondence and/or communications from, to, mentioning or referring to Jefferson Beauregard "Jeff" Sessions III (aka Jeff Sessions); any and all records mentioning or referring to the organization Judicial Crisis Network; any and all records mentioning or referring to confirmsession.com.	Discuss with requester
OPEN	EPA-HQ-2017-002731	Pending	Pending	Media	M.Ebell-specific		Robert Faturechi	ProPublica	1/10/17		All correspondence between the EPA office of Associate General Counsel for the Air and Radiation Law Office or the Office of General Counsel and Myron Ebell, including but not limited to from these email addresses: myronebell.epateam@gmail.com and mebell@cei.org All correspondence regarding the Clean Power Plan and other climate-related regulations between EPA officials and Myron Ebell, including but not limited to from these email addresses: myronebell.epateam@gmail.com and mebell@cei.org	Discuss with requester
OPEN	EPA-HQ-2017-002767	Pending	No	Other	Other		Russ Kick		1/11/17	11/6/16 to 1/11/17	all correspondence, letters, emails, memos, and questionnaires between Carl Icahn (or anyone assisting him) and the leadership of the EPA.	140 custodians
OPEN	EPA-HQ-2017-002777	Pending	NB	Media	Rep. Ryan Zinke		Robert Faturechi	ProPublica	1/11/17	1/1/2012 to date of search	All correspondence between the office of the EPA Administrator and Rep. Ryan Zinke or his office from Jan. 1, 2012 to the date this request is filled.	CMS
OPEN	EPA-HQ-2017-002826	Pending	Yes	Media/Education			Ryan Shapiro	MIT	1/12/17	Varies by request so see the requesting document. Earliest date is Jan 1, 1975.	66 Requests - See the actual request. Records are sought regarding Rex Tillerson and Exxon Mobil and their connection with various countries, climate change theories, law suits, and investigations.	Discuss with requester



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**Sent:** 4/5/2017 4:32:17 PM  
**To:** Teplitzky, Andy [Teplitzky.Andy@epa.gov]; Auther, Larry [Auther.Larry@epa.gov]; Rementer, Nicole [rementer.nicole@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** RE: FOIA Request: EPA-HQ-2017-002051 status update

Yes.

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**From:** Teplitzky, Andy  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 05, 2017 12:30 PM  
**To:** Auther, Larry <Auther.Larry@epa.gov>; Rementer, Nicole <rementer.nicole@epa.gov>; Clarke, Victoria <clarke.victoria@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: FOIA Request: EPA-HQ-2017-002051 status update

Are we going to send out a new correspondence to those who received a March 31 letter to provide notice that it will take longer to respond and establish a new anticipated completion date?

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**From:** Auther, Larry  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 04, 2017 10:52 AM  
**To:** Rementer, Nicole <rementer.nicole@epa.gov>; Clarke, Victoria <clarke.victoria@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Teplitzky, Andy <Teplitzky.Andy@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** FW: FOIA Request: EPA-HQ-2017-002051 status update

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**From:** Anthony Lacey [<mailto:alacey@iwpnews.com>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 04, 2017 10:39 AM  
**To:** Auther, Larry <Auther.Larry@epa.gov>; FOIA HQ <[FOIA\\_HQ@epa.gov](mailto:FOIA_HQ@epa.gov)>; Gottesman, Larry <[Gottesman.Larry@epa.gov](mailto:Gottesman.Larry@epa.gov)>  
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**Sent:** 2/8/2017 6:59:01 PM  
**To:** Auther, Larry [Auther.Larry@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** Re: FOIA Request: EPA-HQ-2017-002051 status update

Hi -- for now I'd like to keep the request as is, but is there anyway the FOIA office can provide more regular updates?

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**From:** foia@regulations.gov [foia@regulations.gov]  
**Sent:** 2/8/2017 3:21:01 PM  
**To:** Auther, Larry [Auther.Larry@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** FOIA Assignment for Interim Release Final Review for Request EPA-HQ-2017-002051

You have been assigned to the FOIA task - Interim Release Final Review. Additional details for this item are as follows:

- Tracking Number: EPA-HQ-2017-002051
- Requester: Anthony Lacey
- Request Track: Expedited
- Assigned By: Andrew Teplitzky
- Submitted Date: 02/08/2017
- Due Date: 02/08/2017
- Description: Interim Release Final Review
- Long Description: N/A



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**From:** foia@regulations.gov [foia@regulations.gov]  
**Sent:** 1/17/2017 5:26:04 PM  
**To:** Auther, Larry [Auther.Larry@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** EPA-HQ-2017-002051 Extend Due Date

The Due Date for request EPA-HQ-2017-002051 has been reset.

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**From:** foia@regulations.gov [foia@regulations.gov]  
**Sent:** 12/30/2016 7:15:42 PM  
**To:** Auther, Larry [Auther.Larry@epa.gov]; Rementer, Nicole [rementer.nicole@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** FOIA Task Completed for EPA-HQ-2017-002051

The FOIA Task for EPA-HQ-2017-002051 was completed. Additional details for this task are as follows:

Task Details:

- Tracking Number: EPA-HQ-2017-002051
- Task Type: Request Detail
- Outcome: Other
- Task Description: FEAT has been in contact with requester regarding narrowed scope. Requester has agreed to narrow scope of the request. Request can be perfected.
- Task Comments: Request has been perfected
- Assigned To: HQ
- Assigned By: Nicole Rementer
- Date Sent: 12/30/2016
- Due Date: 01/04/2017
- Closed Date: 12/30/2016

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**From:** Rementer, Nicole [rementer.nicole@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** 12/16/2016 7:27:13 PM  
**To:** Auther, Larry [Auther.Larry@epa.gov]  
**CC:** Nickerson, William [Nickerson.William@epa.gov]; Dolph, Becky [Dolph.Becky@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** RE: FOIA Assignment for EPA-HQ-2017-002051

Larry:

Just want to let you know that I saw your email. Due to the unique and sensitive nature of the Presidential Transition, I want to look into some of those issues before giving a general response. Context of a document always matters. I will do some research, confer with Becky, and we will try to get you a more concrete response to your question by Tuesday.

Does that work?

***Nicole M. Rementer***

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**From:** Auther, Larry  
**Sent:** Friday, December 16, 2016 2:06 PM  
**To:** Rementer, Nicole <rementer.nicole@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Nickerson, William <Nickerson.William@epa.gov>; Dolph, Becky <Dolph.Becky@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** FW: FOIA Assignment for EPA-HQ-2017-002051

Nicole,  
Related to the request, is it standard procedure to release the names Agency staff that attended internal meetings?

LA

**From:** [foia@regulations.gov](mailto:foia@regulations.gov) [mailto:[foia@regulations.gov](mailto:foia@regulations.gov)]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 14, 2016 2:48 PM  
**To:** Auther, Larry <[Auther.Larry@epa.gov](mailto:Auther.Larry@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** FOIA Assignment for EPA-HQ-2017-002051

You have been assigned to the FOIA request EPA-HQ-2017-002051. Additional details for this request are as follows:

- Assigned By: Cynthia Floyd-Coleman
- Request Tracking Number: EPA-HQ-2017-002051
- Due Date: N/A
- Requester: Anthony Lacey
- Request Track: Simple
- Short Description: N/A
- Long Description: Seeking all communications (emails, letters, PowerPoint presentations, etc.) sent by EPA and received at EPA to and from both the Trump transition team and the Trump



"landing team" of select staff from Nov. 15, 2016, to Dec. 14, 2016. The transition team is the one with the website greatagain.gov. The "landing team" is the Trump transition team officials that are working directly with EPA: Myron Ebell, David Schnare, David Kreutzer, Austin Lipari, David Stevenson, and George Sugiyama. EPA is aware of the members of its own transition team, but to cover all the bases, the head of EPA's transition effort is Shannon Kenny. EPA has made minimal information about the transition available to the public, and the communications between EPA and the landing/transition team are impossible to obtain unless through FOIA. To make clear: this request includes all materials generated by EPA as well as all materials generated by the transition and/or landing team and sent to EPA.

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**From:** foia@regulations.gov [foia@regulations.gov]  
**Sent:** 12/15/2016 1:47:17 PM  
**To:** Auther, Larry [Auther.Larry@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** FOIA Task Completed for Expedited Processing

The FOIA Task - Expedited Processing was completed. Additional details for this task are as follows:

Task Details:

- Tracking Number: EPA-HQ-2017-002051
- Task Type: Expedited Processing
- Outcome: Approved
- Task Description: Expedited Processing Task
- Task Comments: This is an urgent request because the transition is a live event and is ongoing -- the information contained within these documents could significantly impact the public's perception of the transition and the incoming Trump administration, hence the urgency in this request. The details released will be used in news articles to inform the public about the inner workings of the EPA-Trump discussions on the transition.
- Assigned To: Cynthia Floyd-Coleman
- Assigned By: Linda Green (National Team)
- Date Sent: 12/14/2016
- Due Date: 12/23/2016
- Closed Date: 12/15/2016

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**From:** foia@regulations.gov [foia@regulations.gov]  
**Sent:** 12/15/2016 1:45:49 PM  
**To:** Auther, Larry [Auther.Larry@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** FOIA Task Completed for Fee Waiver

The FOIA Task - Fee Waiver was completed. Additional details for this task are as follows:

Task Details:

- Tracking Number: EPA-HQ-2017-002051
- Task Type: Fee Waiver
- Outcome: N/A
- Task Description: Fee Waiver Task
- Task Comments: 1. The subject directly concerns the operations of the government as it is about the transition from the Obama EPA to the Trump EPA. 2. The document sought will significantly contribute to the public's understanding of government operations as these transition documents are not available by any other means, and therefore the public does not know what is in them. 3. The disclosure will contribute to broad public understanding because the information will be used in news articles to inform the public about the inner workings of the transition. 4. The information will significantly contribute to the public's understanding as this is information not available anywhere else, and will be used in a news article to inform the public about it. 5. I have no commercial interest in this information. 6. My primary interest in this information is informing the public about it through news articles.
- Assigned To: Cynthia Floyd-Coleman
- Assigned By: Linda Green (National Team)
- Date Sent: 12/14/2016
- Due Date: 01/05/2017
- Closed Date: 12/15/2016

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**From:** Gottesman, Larry [Gottesman.Larry@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** 4/5/2017 8:48:29 PM  
**To:** Anthony Lacey [alacey@iwpnews.com]; Auther, Larry [Auther.Larry@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** RE: FOIA Request: EPA-HQ-2017-002051 status update

Sorry, I will follow-up.

Thanks

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Agency FOIA Officer

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**Sent:** Wednesday, April 05, 2017 4:34 PM  
**To:** Auther, Larry <Auther.Larry@epa.gov>; FOIA HQ <FOIA\_HQ@epa.gov>; Gottesman, Larry <Gottesman.Larry@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: FOIA Request: EPA-HQ-2017-002051 status update

A reply would be appreciated, hoping third time trying is the charm.

Anthony

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**Sent:** 4/5/2017 2:47:53 PM  
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**To:** Dolph, Becky [Dolph.Becky@epa.gov]; Rementer, Nicole [rementer.nicole@epa.gov]  
**CC:** Nickerson, William [Nickerson.William@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** Prioritized List of Transition Related FOIAs as of 12-19-2016  
**Attachments:** TransitionFOIAPriority 12-19-16.xlsx

Changes since 12/16/16 are highlighted.

FOIA #	Request Date	Expedited	Fee Waiver	Topic/Category
EPA-HQ-2017-001216	11/11/16	Expedited	Fee Waiver	Election Releated Emails
EPA-HQ-2017-001800	12/05/16	Expedited	Fee Waiver	Transition Team to EPA Emails
EPA-HQ-2017-001797	12/05/16	Expedited	Fee Waiver	Transition Materials
EPA-HQ-2017-001816	12/05/16	Expedited	Fee Waiver	Transition Team to EPA Emails
EPA-HQ-2017-001808	12/06/16	Expedited	Fee Waiver	Transition Materials
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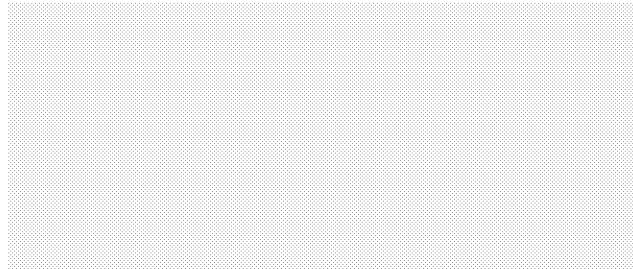
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Gwen Graham is considering running for Governor of Florida in 2018. It is unclear how this is transition related.

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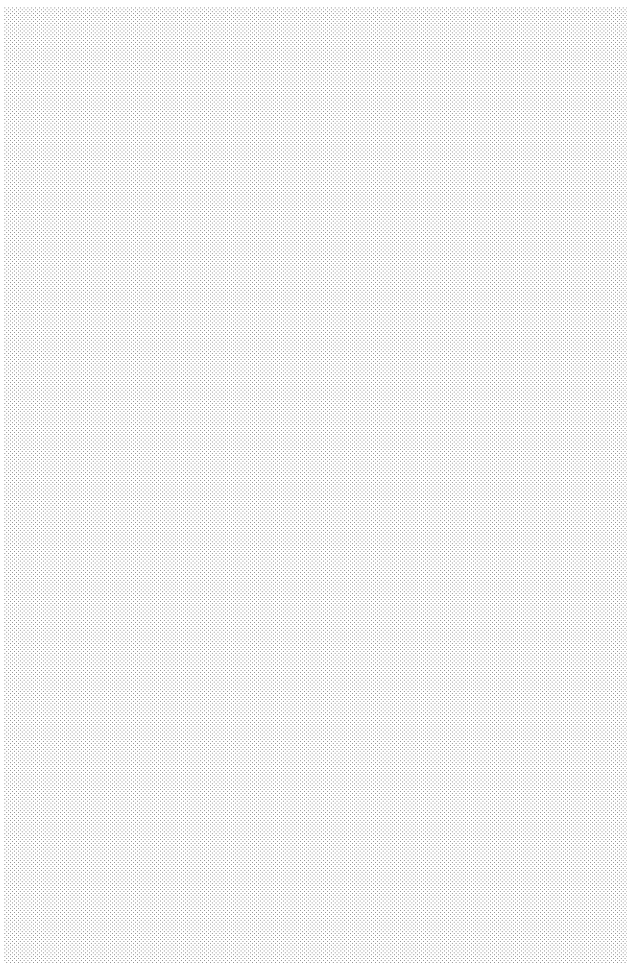
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Larry Auther  
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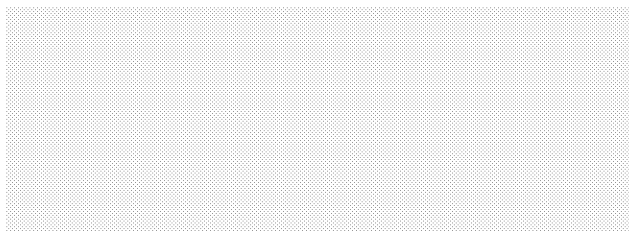
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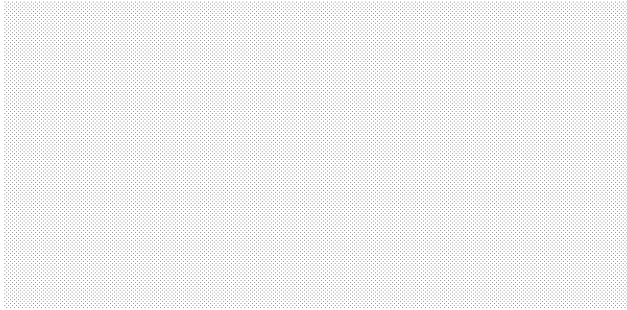
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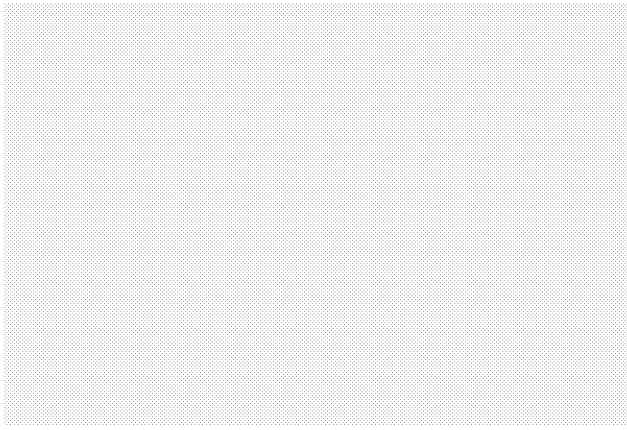
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EPA-HQ-2017-002072

12/14/16

Transition Team to EPA  
Emails



I write to request access to and copies of all communications dated November 29, 2016 to present between any of the following individuals and EPA staff:

1. Chris Horner
2. Amy Oliver Cook
3. David Kreutzer
4. Austin Lipari
5. David Schnare
6. David Stevenson
7. George Sujiyama
8. Myron Ebell

Yogin Kothari / Union of  
Concerned Scientist

OP

Larry Auther

11/29/2016 to 12/14/2016



Message

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**From:** Auther, Larry [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=3918A4D106174BC8812095845CE21123-LAUTHER]  
**Sent:** 12/15/2016 2:02:32 PM  
**To:** Rementer, Nicole [rementer.nicole@epa.gov]; Dolph, Becky [Dolph.Becky@epa.gov]  
**CC:** Nickerson, William [Nickerson.William@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** Prioritized List of Transition Related FOIAs as of 12-15-2016  
**Attachments:** TransitionFOIAPriority 12-15-16.xlsx

As requested by OGC, here is the list of transition related FOIAs sorted by Expedited status and Submission Date as of 12/15/2016. I have included a few older requests that are not assigned to OP. I know OGC was tracking down some additional requests that may not be on this list.

Larry Auther  
AO/OP/ORPM/IO  
202 564-2654

FOIA #	Request Date	Expedited	Fee Waiver	Topic/Category
EPA-HQ-2017-001216	11/11/16	Expedited	Fee Waiver	Election Releated Emails
EPA-HQ-2017-001800	12/05/16	Expedited	Fee Waiver	Transition Team to EPA Emails
EPA-HQ-2017-001808	12/06/16	Expedited	Fee Waiver	Transition Materials
EPA-HQ-2017-001919	12/08/16	Expedited	Fee Waiver	Scott Pruitt Communications
EPA-HQ-2017-002051	12/13/16	Expedited	Fee Waiver	Transition Team to EPA Emails
EPA-HQ-2016-009419	08/16/16			Gina McCarthy and Hillary Cllinton Campaign Communications
EPA-HQ-2016-010591	09/26/16			Election Impact to CPP
EPA-R5-2016-010751	09/27/16			Mike Pence and West Calumet
EPA-HQ-2017-001162	11/09/16		Fee Waiver	Transition Materials
EPA-HQ-2017-001237	11/13/16			Transition Materials
EPA-HQ-2017-001566	11/23/16			Transition Materials
EPA-HQ-2017-001604	11/28/16			Jeff Sessions Communications

## Notes

Names Transition Team and specific to "select staff", Shannon Kenny

Reassigned to AO/OEX. Gina McCarthy, Hillary Clinton, John Podesta, etc.

Search and review assigned to OCIR on 12/02/2016.

Detail	Requester
I am seeking all internal EPA emails, including those from program offices, regarding Donald Trump, Hillary Clinton or the results of the 2016 presidential election sent between 7 PM on Nov. 8 (that is, Election Day) and 10 AM on Nov. 10.	David LaRoss / InsideEPA
All emails sent to or sent from your agency employees in which the Internet domains "trump.com", "trumporg.com", "ptt.gov" or "donaldjtrump.com" are in email addresses in the To, From, CC, BCC, Subject or Body fields of the message.	Eileen Sullivan / AP
All agency briefing materials related to the Presidential transition for Agency Review Teams (also known as Agency Landing Teams).	Derek Kravitz / ProPublic
Any and all communications between Oklahoma Attorney General Scott Pruitt and the Environmental Protection Agency and/or all representatives of AG Pruitt and the EPA.	Andrew Kaczynski / CNN
Seeking all communications (emails, letters, PowerPoint presentations, etc.) sent by EPA and received at EPA to and from both the Trump transition team and the Trump "landing team" of select staff from Nov. 15, 2016, to Dec. 14, 2016.	Anthony Lacey / InsideEPA
Communications between Gina McCarthy, Hillary Clinton, her campaign and senior advisors including John Podesta.	Ben Geman / National Journal
Documents on the implications to the Clean Power Plan and/or climate change of a Donald Trump Administration created by individuals affiliated with and/or employed by OA, OAR, OCIR, and/or OP.	Kevin Bogardus / Greenwire
Requesting copies of records in the possession of the EPA pertaining to the lead contamination of soil around West Calumet.	Lauren Dillon / DNC
Under the FOIA I m requesting an emailed copy of the EPA's Transition Team Briefing for President Elect Donald trump's transition team.	Doug Pardue / Charleston Post
Briefing materials and information relating to the Presidential transition prepared by your agency for the Trump administration's Agency Review Teams and incoming political appointees.	Russ Kick / The Memory Hold
I request copies of all records prepared for and/or distributed to any individuals affiliated with and/or employed by the transition team for Presiden-elect Donald Trump from May 1, 2016 to the date that this FOIA request is processed.	Kevin Bogardus / Greenwire
Any and all correspondence between the EPA and Sen. Jeff Sessions of Alabama from January 1, 1997 and the present.	Jason Cherkis / Huffington Post

Lead Office	Main POC	Date Range
OP	Larry Auther	
OP	Larry Auther	06/03/2016 to 12/05/2016
OP	Larry Auther	
OP	Larry Auther	
OP	Larry Auther	11/15/2016 to 12/14/2016
AO	Frederck No	08/15/2006 to 08/16/2016
OAR	Jonathan Lubetsky	01/01/2015 to 09/26/2016
R5	Jessica Wheatley	
OP	Larry Auther	
OP	Larry Auther	
OP	Larry Auther	
OP	Larry Auther	01/01/1997 to 11/28/2016

EPA-HQ-2017-001745	12/02/16	Election Releated Emails
EPA-HQ-2017-001750	12/02/16	Myron Ebell releated emails
EPA-HQ-2017-001784	12/05/16	Transition Team to EPA Emails
EPA-HQ-2017-001797	12/05/16	Transition Materials
EPA-HQ-2017-001816	12/05/16	Transition Team to EPA Emails
EPA-HQ-2017-001812	12/06/16	Transition Materials
EPA-HQ-2017-001838	12/06/16	Fee Waiver    Lab Impacts
EPA-HQ-2017-01844	12/06/16	Election Talking Points
EPA-HQ-2017-001868	12/07/16	Scott Pruitt Communications

Expletives

Requests a list of employees who have met with the transition team.

This is identical to EPA-HQ-2017-001800 except for the addition of a single domain name ("donaldtrump.com"). Possibly improper or we should at least ask that EPA-HQ-2017-001800 be withdrawn since it is duplicative.

Fee Waiver

OPA?

I request a copy of each email sent on November 8th, November 9th, November 10th, or November 11th of this year (2016) to or from any employee at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's National Headquarters, which contains any of the the following words: "Trump," "Clinton," "Fuck," "Fucking," "Fucked," "Shit," or "Damn."

Josh Voorhees / Slate

I request a copy of each email sent on or after November 20, 2016 through present to or from any employee at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Headquarters, which contains the words "Trump," "Myron," "Ebell," and/or "transition."

Josh Voorhees / Slate

Any and all communications between EPA administrators and President-Elect Trump's transition team members between November 1, 2016 and the present.

Jason Cherkis / Huffington Post

Any documents or presentations provided to Donald Trump's presidential transition team by EPA employees, including presentation materials for briefings; policy reviews; memoranda of any kind; personnel or ethical guidelines. I am also requesting a list of all EPA employees who have met with the Trump transition team, when those meetings occurred and who was present.

Tim Fernholz / Quartz

All emails sent to or sent from your agency employees in which the Internet domains "trump.com", "trumporg.com", "ptt.gov", "donaldjtrump.com" or "donaldtrump.com" are in email addresses in the To, From, CC, BCC, Subject or Body fields of the message.

Eileen Sullivan / AP

EPA agency briefing materials related to the Presidential transition for Agency Review Teams or Agency Landing Teams. I am primarily interested in records from the time period July 1, 2016 to present.

Michael Ravnitzky

Requesting any and all written or electronic communications between the Environmental Protection Agency staff and Graduate-Level Civil and Environmental Engineering Programs and involved labs related to potential changes in research and development funding under President-Elect Donald Trump from November 8, 2016 to present.

Reade Levinson, Reuters

All talking points as well as all records, which include but is not limited to emails, reports, memoranda, transcripts, used to prepare said talking points for EPA employees regarding the results of the 2016 presidential election and transition teams of both major party candidates, Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump.

Kevin Bogardus / Greenwire

Any and all correspondence between Oklahoma Attorney General Scott Pruitt and the EPA from January 1, 2011 to the present.

Jason Cherkis / Huffington Post



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EPA-HQ-2017-001896	12/08/16		Scott Pruitt Communications
EPA-HQ-2017-001897	12/08/16		Scott Pruitt Communications
EPA-HQ-2017-001935	12/09/16		Cathy McMorris Rodgers
EPA-HQ-2017-001982	12/12/16	Fee Waiver	Transition Team to EPA Emails
EPA-HQ-2017-002002	12/13/16		Transition Team to EPA Emails
EPA-HQ-2017-002023	12/13/16		Transition Team to EPA Emails
EPA-HQ-2017-002024	12/13/16	Fee Waiver	David Schnare

She was NOT nominated to head DOI. Maybe this request can be withdrawn.

David Schnare is part of the transition team.

Correspondence between Environmental Protection Agency staff and Oklahoma Attorney General Scott E. Pruitt from 2010 to the date of this request. I am also requesting copies of correspondence between EPA staff and any email address with the stem @oag.ok.gov during the same timeframe.

Hudson Munoz

Correspondence between Environmental Protection Agency staff and Oklahoma Attorney General Scott E. Pruitt from 2010 to the date of this request. I am also requesting copies of correspondence between EPA staff and any email address with the stem @oag.ok.gov during the same timeframe.

Hudson Munoz

Any and all correspondence between the EPA and Rep. Cathy McMorris Rodgers (R-Wash.) between January 1, 2005 and the present.

Jason Cherkis / Huffington Post

All records of communications from or on behalf of the Trump-Pence Transition Team to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), for the period from November 8, 2016, through the date of processing this request.

Rachael Clattenburg / Public Citizen Inc.

Requesting communications between PE Trump's transition team and EPA employees.

Timoth Cama / The Hill

Any records, documents, emails, questionnaires, memoranda or other correspondence or communications between agency officials and the Trump Presidential Transition Team, regardless of format, medium or physical characteristics and including electronic records and information.

The request includes both in-agency and external communications. The likely date range of the records is Sept. 1, 2016 through the present.

Carrie Levin / Center for Public Integrity

This is a complex request concerning David Schnare's previous employment at the EPA.

Nicholas P. Surgey / Center for Media and Democracy

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Message

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**From:** Auther, Larry [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=3918A4D106174BC8812095845CE21123-LAUTHER]  
**Sent:** 12/15/2016 1:32:38 PM  
**To:** Nickerson, William [Nickerson.William@epa.gov]; Dolph, Becky [Dolph.Becky@epa.gov]; Rementer, Nicole [rementer.nicole@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** FW: FOIA Assignment for EPA-HQ-2017-002051 / Transition Team to EPA Select Staff Communications / InsideEPA

This is a more specific request for communications between the Transition Team (names included) and "select staff" (Shannon Kenny is named).

**From:** foia@regulations.gov [mailto:foia@regulations.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 14, 2016 2:48 PM  
**To:** Auther, Larry <Auther.Larry@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** FOIA Assignment for EPA-HQ-2017-002051

You have been assigned to the FOIA request EPA-HQ-2017-002051. Additional details for this request are as follows:

- Assigned By: Cynthia Floyd-Coleman
- Request Tracking Number: EPA-HQ-2017-002051
- Due Date: N/A
- Requester: Anthony Lacey
- Request Track: Simple
- Short Description: N/A
- Long Description: Seeking all communications (emails, letters, PowerPoint presentations, etc.) sent by EPA and received at EPA to and from both the Trump transition team and the Trump "landing team" of select staff from Nov. 15, 2016, to Dec. 14, 2016. The transition team is the one with the website greatagain.gov. The "landing team" is the Trump transition team officials that are working directly with EPA: Myron Ebell, David Schnare, David Kreutzer, Austin Lipari, David Stevenson, and George Sugiyama. EPA is aware of the members of its own transition team, but to cover all the bases, the head of EPA's transition effort is Shannon Kenny. EPA has made minimal information about the transition available to the public, and the communications between EPA and the landing/transition team are impossible to obtain unless through FOIA. To make clear: this request includes all materials generated by EPA as well as all materials generated by the transition and/or landing team and sent to EPA.

Message

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**From:** Means-Thomas, Janet [Means-Thomas.Janet@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** 1/13/2017 6:49:29 PM  
**To:** Auther, Larry [Auther.Larry@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** Final FOIA Letters  
**Attachments:** image2017-01-13-124423.pdf



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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

JAN 17 2017

OFFICE OF  
POLICY

Mr. Josh Voorhees  
318 E Jefferson Street  
Apt. 1  
Iowa City, IA 52245

Re: Freedom of Information Act Request No. EPA-HQ-2017-001745

Dear Mr. Voorhees:

This letter concerns the above-referenced Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, received by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA or Agency) on December 2, 2016, in which you requested "a copy of each email sent on November 8th, November 9th, November 10th, or November 11th of this year (2016) to or from any employee at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's National Headquarters, which contains any of the the [sic] following words: "Trump," "Clinton," [Profanity deleted]."

Given the scope of the request, EPA anticipates the need to search for and collect the requested records from multiple EPA offices that are separate from the office processing the request. Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 2.104(d), an extension of time required to respond to your request is necessary. The new due date is January 19, 2017, ten working days from January 5, 2017.

For an update on the status of your FOIA request you may access FOIA online.

Sincerely,

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Sarah Rees  
Director, Office of Regulatory  
Policy and Management





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JAN 17 2017

OFFICE OF  
POLICY

Mr. Josh Voorhees  
318 E Jefferson Street  
Apt. 1  
Iowa City, IA 52245

Re: Freedom of Information Act Request No. EPA-HQ-2017-001750

Dear Mr. Voorhees:

This letter concerns the above-referenced Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, received by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA or Agency) on December 2, 2016, in which you requested "a copy of each email sent on or after November 20, 2016 through present to or from any employee at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Headquarters, which contains the words "Trump," "Myron," "Ebell," and/or "transition.""

Given the scope of the request, EPA anticipates the need to search for and collect the requested records from multiple EPA offices that are separate from the office processing the request. Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 2.104(d), an extension of time required to respond to your request is necessary. The new due date is January 19, 2017, ten working days from January 5, 2017.

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JAN 17 2017

OFFICE OF  
POLICY

Mr. Jason Cherkis  
The Huffington Post  
1333 Delafield Place NW  
Washington, DC 20011

Re: Freedom of Information Act Request No. EPA-HQ-2017-001784

Dear Mr. Cherkis:

This letter concerns the above-referenced Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, received by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA or Agency) on December 5, 2016, in which you requested "[a]ny and all communications between EPA administrators and President-Elect Trump's transition team members between November 1, 2016 and the present."

Given the scope of the request, EPA anticipates the need to search for and collect the requested records from multiple EPA offices that are separate from the office processing the request. Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 2.104(d), an extension of time required to respond to your request is necessary. The new due date is January 18, 2017, ten working days from January 4, 2017.

For an update on the status of your FOIA request you may access FOIA online.

Sincerely,

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Sarah Rees  
Director, Office of Regulatory  
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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

JAN 17 2017

OFFICE OF  
POLICY

Ms. Eileen Sullivan  
1100 13th Street NW  
5th Floor  
Washington, DC 20005

Re: Freedom of Information Act Request No. EPA-HQ-2017-001816

Dear Ms. Sullivan:

This letter concerns the above-referenced Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, received by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA or Agency) on December 6, 2016, in which you requested "[a]ll emails sent to or sent from your agency employees in which the Internet domains "trump.com", "trumporg.com", "ptt.gov", "donaldjtrump.com" or "donaldtrump.com" are in email addresses in the To, From, CC, BCC, Subject or Body fields of the message. The time frame for this request is June 3, 2016 through today, Dec. 5, 2016."

Given the scope of the request, EPA anticipates the need to search for and collect the requested records from multiple EPA offices that are separate from the office processing the request. Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 2.104(d), an extension of time required to respond to your request is necessary. The new due date is January 19, 2017, ten working days from January 5, 2017.

For an update on the status of your FOIA request you may access FOIA online.

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JAN 17 2017

OFFICE OF  
POLICY

Mr. Reade Levinson  
Thomson Reuters  
3 Times Square  
New York, NY 10036

Re: Freedom of Information Act Request No. EPA-HQ-2017-001838

Dear Mr. Levinson:

This letter concerns the above-referenced Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, received by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA or Agency) on December 6, 2016, in which you requested "any and all written or electronic communications between the Environmental Protection Agency staff and Graduate-Level Civil and Environmental Engineering Programs and involved labs related to potential changes in research and development funding under President-Elect Donald Trump from November 8, 2016 to present."

Given the scope of the request, EPA anticipates the need to search for and collect the requested records from multiple EPA offices that are separate from the office processing the request. Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 2.104(d), an extension of time required to respond to your request is necessary. The new due date is January 20, 2017, ten working days from January 6, 2017.

For an update on the status of your FOIA request you may access FOIA online.

Sincerely,

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Director, Office of Regulatory  
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JAN 17 2017

OFFICE OF  
POLICY

Mr. Kevin Bogardus  
Greenwire  
Environment & Energy Publishing  
122 C Street NW, Suite 722  
Washington, DC 20001

Re: Freedom of Information Act Request No. EPA-HQ-2017-001844

Dear Mr. Bogardus:

This letter concerns the above-referenced Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, received by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA or Agency) on December 6, 2016, in which you requested "copies of all talking points as well as all records, which include but is not limited to emails, reports, memoranda, transcripts, used to prepare said talking points for EPA employees regarding the results of the 2016 presidential election and transition teams of both major party candidates, Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump."

Given the scope of the request, EPA anticipates the need to search for and collect the requested records from multiple EPA offices that are separate from the office processing the request. Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 2.104(d), an extension of time required to respond to your request is necessary. The new due date is January 20, 2017, ten working days from January 6, 2017.

For an update on the status of your FOIA request you may access FOIA online.

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JAN 17 2017

OFFICE OF  
POLICY

Mr. Jason Cherkis  
The Huffington Post  
1333 Delafield Place NW  
Washington, DC 20011

Re: Freedom of Information Act Request No. EPA-HQ-2017-001872

Dear Mr. Cherkis:

This letter concerns the above-referenced Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, received by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA or Agency) on December 7, 2016, in which you requested "[a]ny and all documents concerning Devon Energy in Oklahoma from January 1, 2010 to the present which should include any requests for waivers, and any documentation regarding any regulatory action taken against them. This should also include correspondence between the EPA and Devon Energy during this time period."

Given the scope of the request, EPA anticipates the need to search for and collect the requested records from multiple EPA offices that are separate from the office processing the request. Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 2.104(d), an extension of time required to respond to your request is necessary. The new due date is January 23, 2017, ten working days from January 9, 2017.

For an update on the status of your FOIA request you may access FOIA online.

Sincerely,

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Sarah Rees  
Director, Office of Regulatory  
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JAN 17 2017

OFFICE OF  
POLICY

Mr. Colin Byrd  
P.O. Box 483  
Greenbelt, MD 20770

Re: Freedom of Information Act Request No. EPA-HQ-2017-001877

Dear Mr. Byrd:

This letter concerns the above-referenced Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, received by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA or Agency) on December 7, 2016, in which you requested a "copy of lawsuit (i.e. complaint) the Attorney General of Oklahoma has filed against the EPA."

Given the scope of the request, EPA anticipates the need to search for and collect the requested records from multiple EPA offices that are separate from the office processing the request. Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 2.104(d), an extension of time required to respond to your request is necessary. The new due date is January 20, 2017, ten working days from January 6, 2017.

For an update on the status of your FOIA request you may access FOIA online.

Sincerely,

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

JAN 17 2017

OFFICE OF  
POLICY

Mr. Steve Reilly  
USA TODAY  
7950 Jones Branch Drive  
McLean, VA 22102

Re: Freedom of Information Act Request No. EPA-HQ-2017-001880

Dear Mr. Reilly:

This letter concerns the above-referenced Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, received by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA or Agency) on December 7, 2016, in which you requested "[a] copy of the appeal letter associated with FOIA Appeal #EPA-HQ-2012-001482 and the request letter associated with the request associated with this appeal, # HQ-FOI-01841-12, both of which were filed by Mr. E. Scott Pruitt, as well as EPA's responsive correspondence to both the appeal and request."

Given the scope of the request, EPA anticipates the need to search for and collect the requested records from multiple EPA offices that are separate from the office processing the request. Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 2.104(d), an extension of time required to respond to your request is necessary. The new due date is January 23, 2017, ten working days from January 9, 2017.

For an update on the status of your FOIA request you may access FOIA online.

Sincerely,

Sarah Rees  
Director, Office of Regulatory  
Policy and Management





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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

JAN 17 2017

OFFICE OF  
POLICY

Mr. Nathaniel Barber  
305 Baxter Court  
Delmar, NY 12054-9613

Re: Freedom of Information Act Request No. EPA-HQ-2017-001890

Dear Mr. Barber:

This letter concerns the above-referenced Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, received by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA or Agency) on December 8, 2016, in which you requested "copies of the following documents in cases in which both USEPA and the State of Oklahoma are parties and that, as of the date of this request, are still pending in any Federal District Court, Federal Circuit Court, or the United States Supreme Court: - the initial pleadings, meaning the complaint and answer and any amended complaint and amended answer, and - the most recent filing by any party."

Given the scope of the request, EPA anticipates the need to search for and collect the requested records from multiple EPA offices that are separate from the office processing the request. Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 2.104(d), an extension of time required to respond to your request is necessary. The new due date is January 23, 2017, ten working days from January 9, 2017.

For an update on the status of your FOIA request you may access FOIA online.

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Director, Office of Regulatory  
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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

JAN 17 2017

OFFICE OF  
POLICY

Mr. Andrew Kaczynski  
CNN  
925 Union Street 3B  
Brooklyn, NY 11215

Re: Freedom of Information Act Request No. EPA-HQ-2017-001919

Dear Mr. Kaczynski:

This letter concerns the above-referenced Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, received by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA or Agency) on December 8, 2016, in which you requested "[a]ny and all communications between Oklahoma Attorney General Scott Pruitt and the Environmental Protection Agency and/or all representatives of AG Pruitt and the EPA."

Given the scope of the request, EPA anticipates the need to search for and collect the requested records from multiple EPA offices that are separate from the office processing the request. Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 2.104(d), an extension of time required to respond to your request is necessary. The new due date is January 24, 2017, ten working days from January 10, 2017.

For an update on the status of your FOIA request you may access FOIA online.

Sincerely,

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Sarah Rees  
Director, Office of Regulatory  
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Ms. Rachel Clattenburg  
Public Citizen, Inc.  
1600 20th St NW  
Washington, DC 20009

Re: Freedom of Information Act Request No. EPA-HQ-2017-001982

Dear Ms. Clattenburg:

This letter concerns the above-referenced Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, received by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA or Agency) on December 12, 2017, in which you requested "[a]ll records of communications from or on behalf of the Trump-Pence Transition Team to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), for the period from November 8, 2016, through the date of processing this request."

Given the scope of the request, EPA anticipates the need to search for and collect the requested records from multiple EPA offices that are separate from the office processing the request. Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 2.104(d), an extension of time required to respond to your request is necessary. The new due date is January 26, 2017, ten working days from January 12, 2017.

For an update on the status of your FOIA request you may access FOIA online.

Sincerely,

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OFFICE OF  
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Mr. Timothy Cama  
The Hill  
1625 K Street NW  
Suite 900  
Washington, DC 20006

Re: Freedom of Information Act Request No. EPA-HQ-2017-002002

Dear Mr. Cama:

This letter concerns the above-referenced Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, received by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA or Agency) on December 13, 2016, in which you requested communications between President-Elect Trump's transition team and EPA employees.

Given the scope of the request, EPA anticipates the need to search for and collect the requested records from multiple EPA offices that are separate from the office processing the request. Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 2.104(d), an extension of time required to respond to your request is necessary. The new due date is February 14, 2017, ten working days from January 31, 2017.

For an update on the status of your FOIA request you may access FOIA online.

Sincerely,

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Sarah Rees  
Director, Office of Regulatory  
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OFFICE OF  
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Ms. Carrie P. Levine  
Center for Public Integrity  
910 17th Street NW  
7th Floor  
Washington, DC 20006

Re: Freedom of Information Act Request No. EPA-HQ-2017-002023

Dear Ms. Levine:

This letter concerns the above-referenced Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, received by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA or Agency) on December 13, 2016, in which you requested records "between agency officials and the Trump Presidential Transition Team" for the date range September 1, 2016 to the date of your request.

Given the scope of the request, EPA anticipates the need to search for and collect the requested records from multiple EPA offices that are separate from the office processing the request. Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 2.104(d), an extension of time required to respond to your request is necessary. The new due date is January 27, 2017, ten working days from January 13, 2017.

For an update on the status of your FOIA request you may access FOIA online.

Sincerely,

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Sarah Rees  
Director, Office of Regulatory  
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JAN 17 2017

OFFICE OF  
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Mr. Nicholas P. Surgey  
122 West Washington Avenue  
Suite 555  
Madison, WI 53703

Re: Freedom of Information Act Request No. EPA-HQ-2017-002024

Dear Mr. Surgey:

This letter concerns the above-referenced Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, received by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA or Agency) on December 13, 2016, in which you requested numerous categories of records relating to David Schnare.

Given the scope of the request, EPA anticipates the need to search for and collect the requested records from multiple EPA offices that are separate from the office processing the request. Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 2.104(d), an extension of time required to respond to your request is necessary. The new due date is January 25, 2017, ten working days from January 11, 2017.

For an update on the status of your FOIA request you may access FOIA online.

Sincerely,

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Sarah Rees  
Director, Office of Regulatory  
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JAN 17 2017

OFFICE OF  
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Mr. Anthony Lacey  
Inside EPA  
1919 South Eads Street  
Suite 201  
Arlington, VA 22202

Re: Freedom of Information Act Request No. EPA-HQ-2017-002051

Dear Mr. Lacey:

This letter concerns the above-referenced Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, received by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA or Agency) on December 14, 2016, in which you requested communications between the Agency and the President-Elect Trump Landing Team from November 15, 2016 to December 14, 2016.

Given the scope of the request, EPA anticipates the need to search for and collect the requested records from multiple EPA offices that are separate from the office processing the request. Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 2.104(d), an extension of time required to respond to your request is necessary. The new due date is February 14, 2017, ten working days from January 31, 2017.

For an update on the status of your FOIA request you may access FOIA online.

Sincerely,

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Director, Office of Regulatory  
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Mr. Yogin Kothari  
Union of Concerned Scientists  
1825 K Street NW  
Suite 800  
Washington, DC 20006

Re: Freedom of Information Act Request No. EPA-HQ-2017-002072

Dear Mr. Kothari:

This letter concerns the above-referenced Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, received by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA or Agency) on December 14, 2016, in which you requested communications between the Agency and the President-Elect Trump Landing Team for the date range November 29, 2016 to the date of your request.

Given the scope of the request, EPA anticipates the need to search for and collect the requested records from multiple EPA offices that are separate from the office processing the request. Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 2.104(d), an extension of time required to respond to your request is necessary. The new due date is January 31, 2017, ten working days from January 17, 2017.

For an update on the status of your FOIA request you may access FOIA online.

Sincerely,

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JAN 17 2017

OFFICE OF  
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Mr. Vale Kenny  
9 Montgomery Avenue  
Bala Cynwyd, PA 19004

Re: Freedom of Information Act Request No. EPA-HQ-2017-002076

Dear Mr. Kenny:

This letter concerns the above-referenced Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, received by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA or Agency) on December 14, 2016, in which you requested "a copy of any communique sent from the Trump transition team to the U.S. EPA during the months of November 2016 and December 2016 where there was a request for information on EPA employees, communications, and programs, and responses to same. I am specifically seeking documents similar in nature to the "74 questions" sent to the Department of Energy by the Trump transition team."

Given the scope of the request, EPA anticipates the need to search for and collect the requested records from multiple EPA offices that are separate from the office processing the request. Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 2.104(d), an extension of time required to respond to your request is necessary. The new due date is January 26, 2017, ten working days from January 12, 2017.

For an update on the status of your FOIA request you may access FOIA online.

Sincerely,

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OFFICE OF  
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Ms. Catherine Traywick  
Bloomberg News  
1101 New York Ave NW  
Washington, DC 20002

Re: Freedom of Information Act Request No. EPA-HQ-2017-002129

Dear Ms. Traywick:

This letter concerns the above-referenced Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, received by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA or Agency) on December 16, 2016, in which you requested "any and all communications (emails, letters, PowerPoint presentations, etc.) transmitted between EPA staff and the Trump transition and landing teams from Sept. 16, 2016, to Dec. 16, 2016."

Given the scope of the request, EPA anticipates the need to search for and collect the requested records from multiple EPA offices that are separate from the office processing the request. Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 2.104(d), an extension of time required to respond to your request is necessary. The new due date is February 14, 2017, ten working days from January 31, 2017.

For an update on the status of your FOIA request you may access FOIA online.

Sincerely,

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Sarah Rees  
Director, Office of Regulatory  
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JAN 17 2017

OFFICE OF  
POLICY

Mr. Hudson Munoz  
P.O. Box 34614  
Washington, DC 20043

Re: Freedom of Information Act Request No. EPA-HQ-2017-002141

Dear Mr. Munoz:

This letter concerns the above-referenced Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, received by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA or Agency) on December 16, 2016, in which you requested "correspondence between staff of the Environmental Protection Agency and Representative Ryan Zinke or his staff from 2014 to the present."

Given the scope of the request, EPA anticipates the need to search for and collect the requested records from multiple EPA offices that are separate from the office processing the request. Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 2.104(d), an extension of time required to respond to your request is necessary. The new due date is February 2, 2017, ten working days from January 19, 2017.

For an update on the status of your FOIA request you may access FOIA online.

Sincerely,

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Director, Office of Regulatory  
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Mr. Michael Best  
MuckRock  
MuckRock DEPT MR 30925  
411A Highland Avenue  
Somerville, MA 02144-2516

Re: Freedom of Information Act Request No. EPA-HQ-2017-002142

Dear Mr. Best:

This letter concerns the above-referenced Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, received by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA or Agency) on December 16, 2016, in which you requested "records from 2015 and 2016 relating to or mentioning Scott Pruitt, including communications received from or sent to Mr. Pruitt, as well as emails mentioning him."

Given the scope of the request, EPA anticipates the need to search for and collect the requested records from multiple EPA offices that are separate from the office processing the request. Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 2.104(d), an extension of time required to respond to your request is necessary. The new due date is February 17, 2017, ten working days from February 3, 2017.

For an update on the status of your FOIA request you may access FOIA online.

Sincerely,

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Mr. Hudson Munoz  
P.O. Box 34614  
Washington, DC 20043

Re: Freedom of Information Act Request No. EPA-HQ-2017-002143

Dear Mr. Munoz:

This letter concerns the above-referenced Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, received by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA or Agency) on December 16, 2016, in which you requested "copies of correspondence between staff of the Environmental Protection Agency and Governor Rick Perry or his staff from 2000 to 2015. This request is for copies of written and electronic correspondence between Governor Perry and the Environmental Protection Agency, and communications between the individuals with an @gov.texas.gov email extension and any employee of the Environmental Protection Agency without regard to content or subject during the same period of time."

Given the scope of the request, EPA anticipates the need to search for and collect the requested records from multiple EPA offices that are separate from the office processing the request. Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 2.104(d), an extension of time required to respond to your request is necessary. The new due date is February 1, 2017, ten working days from January 18, 2017.

For an update on the status of your FOIA request you may access FOIA online.

Sincerely,

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Mr. Hudson Munoz  
P.O. Box 34614  
Washington, DC 20043

Re: Freedom of Information Act Request No. EPA-HQ-2017-002144

Dear Mr. Munoz:

This letter concerns the above-referenced Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, received by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA or Agency) on December 16, 2016, in which you requested "correspondence between staff of the Environmental Protection Agency (Region 6) and Governor Rick Perry or his staff from 2000 to 2015. This request is for copies of written and electronic correspondence between Governor Perry and the Environmental Protection Agency (Region 6) , and communications between the individuals with an @gov.texas.gov email extension and any employee of the Environmental Protection Agency (Region 6) without regard to content or subject during the same period of time."

Given the scope of the request, EPA anticipates the need to search for and collect the requested records from multiple EPA offices that are separate from the office processing the request. Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 2.104(d), an extension of time required to respond to your request is necessary. The new due date is February 1, 2017, ten working days from January 18, 2017.

For an update on the status of your FOIA request you may access FOIA online.

Sincerely,

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Director, Office of Regulatory  
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JAN 17 2017

OFFICE OF  
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Mr. Adam J. Rappaport  
Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington  
455 Massachusetts Avenue NW  
6th Floor  
Washington, DC 20001

Re: Freedom of Information Act Request No. EPA-HQ-2017-002145

Dear Mr. Rappaport:

This letter concerns the above-referenced Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, received by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA or Agency) on December 19, 2016, in which you requested "copies of any questionnaires submitted to the EPA by any representative of President-elect Donald Trump's transition team, including representatives of Trump for America, Inc., and the Office of the President-Elect and the Office of the Vice President-Elect."

Given the scope of the request, EPA anticipates the need to search for and collect the requested records from multiple EPA offices that are separate from the office processing the request. Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 2.104(d), an extension of time required to respond to your request is necessary. The new due date is February 2, 2017, ten working days from January 19, 2017.

For an update on the status of your FOIA request you may access FOIA online.

Sincerely,

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Sarah Rees  
Director, Office of Regulatory  
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JAN 17 2017

OFFICE OF  
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Mr. Ramin Skibba  
3562 Utah Street  
San Diego, CA 92104

Re: Freedom of Information Act Request No. EPA-HQ-2017-002149

Dear Mr. Skibba:

This letter concerns the above-referenced Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, received by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA or Agency) on December 20, 2016, in which you requested "a copy of documents provided by the Environmental Protection Agency to the transition team of President-Elect Donald J. Trump between November 9, 2016 and December 16, 2016."

Given the scope of the request, EPA anticipates the need to search for and collect the requested records from multiple EPA offices that are separate from the office processing the request. Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 2.104(d), an extension of time required to respond to your request is necessary. The new due date is February 3, 2017, ten working days from January 20, 2017.

For an update on the status of your FOIA request you may access FOIA online.

Sincerely,

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Sarah Rees  
Director, Office of Regulatory  
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Mr. David Abell  
Sierra Club, Environmental Law Program  
2101 Webster Street  
Suite 1300  
Oakland, CA 94612

Re: Freedom of Information Act Request No. EPA-HQ-2017-002172

Dear Mr. Abell:

This letter concerns the above-referenced Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, received by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA or Agency) on December 19, 2016, in which you requested "All records involving or relating to communications or meetings of any kind with the Trump Administration EPA Landing Team, hereinafter ("Landing Team") comprised of the following individuals: a. Shannon Kenny, EPA; and b. Myron Ebell, Competitive Enterprise Institute; and c. Chris Horner, Competitive Enterprise Institute; and d. Harlan Watson, U.S. House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology (Retired); and e. David Kreutzer, Senior Research Fellow at the Heritage Foundation; and f. Austin Lipari, Deputy Director with the Federalist Society; and g. David Schnare, General Counsel at the Energy and Environment Legal Institute; and h. Dave Stevenson, Director of the Center for Energy Competitiveness at the Caesar Rodney Institute; and i. George Sugiyama, former Republican Minority Counsel on the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee."

Given the scope of the request, EPA anticipates the need to search for and collect the requested records from multiple EPA offices that are separate from the office processing the request. Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 2.104(d), an extension of time required to respond to your request is necessary. The new due date is February 3, 2017, ten working days from January 20, 2017.

For an update on the status of your FOIA request you may access FOIA online.

Sincerely,

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Director, Office of Regulatory  
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JAN 17 2017

OFFICE OF  
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Mr. Anthony V. Schick  
Oregon Public Broadcasting  
7140 SW Macadam Avenue  
Portland, OR 97219

Re: Freedom of Information Act Request No. EPA-HQ-2017-002191

Dear Mr. Schick:

This letter concerns the above-referenced Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, received by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA or Agency) on December 19, 2016, in which you requested "copies of any communications from Region 10 staff in Oregon, Washington or Idaho since July 2016 involving both of the following keywords: "Trump", "President"."

Given the scope of the request, EPA anticipates the need to search for and collect the requested records from multiple EPA offices that are separate from the office processing the request. Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 2.104(d), an extension of time required to respond to your request is necessary. The new due date is February 3, 2017, ten working days from January 20, 2017.

For an update on the status of your FOIA request you may access FOIA online.

Sincerely,

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Sarah Rees  
Director, Office of Regulatory  
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Mr. Yogin Kothari  
Union of Concerned Scientists  
1825 K Street NW  
Suite 800  
Washington, DC 20006

Re: Freedom of Information Act Request No. EPA-HQ-2017-002197

Dear Mr. Kothari:

This letter concerns the above-referenced Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, received by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA or Agency) on December 19, 2016, in which you requested "copies of all communications from January 1st, 2011 to present, between EPA staff and the following individuals: 1. Scott Pruitt 2. Anyone with the following email domain: @oag.ok.gov."

Given the scope of the request, EPA anticipates the need to search for and collect the requested records from multiple EPA offices that are separate from the office processing the request. Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 2.104(d), an extension of time required to respond to your request is necessary. The new due date is February 3, 2017, ten working days from January 20, 2017.

For an update on the status of your FOIA request you may access FOIA online.

Sincerely,

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Sarah Rees  
Director, Office of Regulatory  
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JAN 17 2017

OFFICE OF  
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Mr. Chris Saeger  
Western Values Project  
704C East 13th Street  
Suite 568  
Whitefish, MT 59937

Re: Freedom of Information Act Request No. EPA-HQ-2017-002198

Dear Mr. Saeger:

This letter concerns the above-referenced Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, received by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA or Agency) on December 19, 2016, in which you requested "copies of all correspondence between Ryan Zinke, the Office of Representative Ryan Zinke (MT-AL) and the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). This should include, but is not limited to all digital, print or other correspondence, including attachments, between or involving Rep. Zinke, members of his staff and any employee within the EPA or contractor working within the EPA on EPA business. This should include correspondence in which Rep. Zinke or members of his staff are carbon copied ("CC'd"). Additionally, prior to serving in the US House, Ryan Zinke served as a Montana State Representative from 2008 – 2014; this request should include any correspondence from then-Montana State Representative Zinke as well. For clarity: the time-period covered by this request is 2008 – present."

Given the scope of the request, EPA anticipates the need to search for and collect the requested records from multiple EPA offices that are separate from the office processing the request. Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 2.104(d), an extension of time required to respond to your request is necessary. The new due date is February 3, 2017, ten working days from January 20, 2017.

For an update on the status of your FOIA request you may access FOIA online.

Sincerely,

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Sarah Rees  
Director, Office of Regulatory  
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JAN 17 2017

OFFICE OF  
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Ms. Jaclyn Prange  
NRDC  
111 Sutter Street  
21st Floor  
San Francisco, CA 94104

Re: Freedom of Information Act Request No. EPA-HQ-2017-002298

Dear Ms. Prange:

This letter concerns the above-referenced Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, received by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA or Agency) on December 22, 2016, in which you requested "records in EPA's possession, custody, or control that are, include, or reflect communications between EPA staff and any member of the transition team(s) of President-elect Donald Trump and/or Vice-President-elect Mike Pence. The term "transition team(s)" includes, but is not limited to, the staff members described in the Presidential Transition Act of 1963 and all amendments, 3 U.S.C. § 102 note. These members may include, but are not limited to, Scott Pruitt, Myron Ebell, David Kreutzer, Austin Lipari, David Schnare, David Stevenson, George Sugiyama, Amy Oliver Cooke, Christopher Horner, and Harlan Watson."

Given the scope of the request, EPA anticipates the need to search for and collect the requested records from multiple EPA offices that are separate from the office processing the request. Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 2.104(d), an extension of time required to respond to your request is necessary. The new due date is February 13, 2017, ten working days from January 30, 2017.

For an update on the status of your FOIA request you may access FOIA online.

Sincerely,

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Director, Office of Regulatory  
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OFFICE OF  
POLICY

Mr. Eric Roston  
Bloomberg News  
731 Lexington Avenue  
New York, NY 10022

Re: Freedom of Information Act Request No. EPA-HQ-2017-002313

Dear Mr. Roston:

This letter concerns the above-referenced Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, received by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA or Agency) on December 23, 2016, in which you requested "copies of all records provided to the President-Elect Donald Trump transition team in connection with the "endangerment and cause or contribute findings" for greenhouse gases under Section 202(a) of the Clean Air Act; and documents reflecting EPA discussions about the preparation or dissemination of said briefing documents."

Given the scope of the request, EPA anticipates the need to search for and collect the requested records from multiple EPA offices that are separate from the office processing the request. Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 2.104(d), an extension of time required to respond to your request is necessary. The new due date is February 8, 2017, ten working days from January 25, 2017.

For an update on the status of your FOIA request you may access FOIA online.

Sincerely,

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Sarah Rees  
Director, Office of Regulatory  
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JAN 17 2017

Mr. Kevin Bogardus  
Greenwire  
Environment & Energy Publishing  
122 C Street NW, Suite 722  
Washington, DC 20001

OFFICE OF  
POLICY

Re: Freedom of Information Act Request No. EPA-HQ-2017-002449

Dear Mr. Bogardus:

This letter concerns the above-referenced Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, received by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA or Agency) on December 29, 2016, in which you requested "copies of all emails containing the word "Trump" resulting from an electronic automated search of the email accounts associated with the individuals listed below that are employed by EPA since Nov. 8, 2016 to Nov. 15, 2016. Those individuals at OGE are: Gina McCarthy Stan Meiburg Donna Vizian Janet McCabe Jim Jones David Bloom Cynthia Giles Ann Dunkin Avi Garbow Arthur A. Elkins, Jr. Jane Nishida Mathy Stanislaus Thomas Burke Joel Beauvais Curt Spalding Judith A. Enck Shawn M. Garvin Heather McTeer Toney Robert A. Kaplan Ron Curry Mark Hague Shaun McGrath Alexis Strauss Dennis McLerran Nichole Distefano David J. Kling Laura Vaught Frank Benenati Micah Ragland Matt Fritz Mike Flynn John Reeder Arian Herckis Luseni Pieh Lateisha Garrett Kate Bluhm Reginald E. Allen Ruth A. Etzel Velveta Golightly-Howell Eric Wachter Christopher Zarba Kimberly Patrick."

Given the scope of the request, EPA anticipates the need to search for and collect the requested records from multiple EPA offices that are separate from the office processing the request. Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 2.104(d), an extension of time required to respond to your request is necessary. The new due date is February 14, 2017, ten working days from January 31, 2017.

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Re: Freedom of Information Act Request No. EPA-HQ-2017-002451

Dear Mr. Bogardus:

This letter concerns the above-referenced Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, received by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA or Agency) on December 29, 2016, in which you requested "copies of all emails containing the words and/or phrases "Scott Pruitt," "Pruitt," "Kathleen Hartnett White," "Hartnett White," "Jeffrey Holmstead," "Jeff Holmstead," and/or "Holmstead" resulting from an electronic automated search of the email accounts associated with the individuals listed below that are employed by EPA since Nov. 8, 2016 to the date that this FOIA request is processed. Those individuals at EPA are: Gina McCarthy Stan Meiburg Donna Vizian Janet McCabe Jim Jones David Bloom Cynthia Giles Ann Dunkin Avi Garbow Arthur A. Elkins, Jr. Jane Nishida Mathy Stanislaus Thomas Burke Joel Beauvais Curt Spalding Judith A. Enck Shawn M. Garvin Heather McTeer Toney Robert A. Kaplan Ron Curry Mark Hague Shaun McGrath Alexis Strauss Dennis McLerran Nichole Distefano David J. Kling Laura Vaught Frank Benenati Micah Ragland Matt Fritz Mike Flynn John Reeder Arian Herckis Luseni Pieh Lateisha Garrett Kate Bluhm Reginald E. Allen Ruth A. Etzel Velveta Golightly-Howell Eric Wachter Christopher Zarba Kimberly Patrick."

Given the scope of the request, EPA anticipates the need to search for and collect the requested records from multiple EPA offices that are separate from the office processing the request. Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 2.104(d), an extension of time required to respond to your request is necessary. The new due date is February 14, 2017, ten working days from January 31, 2017.

For an update on the status of your FOIA request you may access FOIA online.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Sarah Rees", is written over a horizontal line.

Sarah Rees  
Director, Office of Regulatory  
Policy and Management





UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

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Mr. Kevin Bogardus  
Greenwire  
Environment & Energy Publishing  
122 C Street NW, Suite 722  
Washington, DC 20001

Re: Freedom of Information Act Request No. EPA-HQ-2017-002454

Dear Mr. Bogardus:

This letter concerns the above-referenced Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, received by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA or Agency) on December 29, 2016, in which you requested "all records concerning communications between any individuals affiliated with and/or employed by the Oklahoma Office of the Attorney General and any individuals affiliated with and/or employed by EPA regarding from Jan. 1, 2015 to the day that this FOIA request is processed."

Given the scope of the request, EPA anticipates the need to search for and collect the requested records from multiple EPA offices that are separate from the office processing the request. Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 2.104(d), an extension of time required to respond to your request is necessary. The new due date is February 14, 2017, ten working days from January 31, 2017.

For an update on the status of your FOIA request you may access FOIA online.

Sincerely,

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Sarah Rees  
Director, Office of Regulatory  
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Mr. Brian Dabbs  
Bloomberg BNA  
1801 South Bell Street  
Arlington, VA 22202

Re: Freedom of Information Act Request No. EPA-HQ-2017-002471

Dear Mr. Dabbs:

This letter concerns the above-referenced Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, received by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA or Agency) on December 30, 2016, in which you requested "any and all communications between the Environmental Protection Agency and U.S. House and Senate lawmakers regarding the repeal or partial repeal of current EPA regulations through both the Administrative Procedures Act and the Congressional Review Act."

Given the scope of the request, EPA anticipates the need to search for and collect the requested records from multiple EPA offices that are separate from the office processing the request. Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 2.104(d), an extension of time required to respond to your request is necessary. The new due date is February 15, 2017, ten working days from February 1, 2017.

For an update on the status of your FOIA request you may access FOIA online.

Sincerely,

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Sarah Rees  
Director, Office of Regulatory  
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Mr. Brian Dabbs  
Bloomberg BNA  
1801 South Bell Street  
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Re: Freedom of Information Act Request No. EPA-HQ-2017-002472

Dear Mr. Dabbs:

This letter concerns the above-referenced Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, received by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA or Agency) on December 30, 2016, in which you requested "any and all communications between the Environmental Protection Agency and transition team for President-elect Donald Trump regarding the repeal or partial repeal of current EPA regulations through both the Administrative Procedures Act and the Congressional Review Act."

Given the scope of the request, EPA anticipates the need to search for and collect the requested records from multiple EPA offices that are separate from the office processing the request. Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 2.104(d), an extension of time required to respond to your request is necessary. The new due date is February 15, 2017, ten working days from February 1, 2017.

For an update on the status of your FOIA request you may access FOIA online.

Sincerely,

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Sarah Rees  
Director, Office of Regulatory  
Policy and Management



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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

JAN 17 2017

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Mr. Tom Benning  
The Dallas Morning News  
529 14th Street NW  
Suite 930  
Washington, DC 20045

Re: Freedom of Information Act Request No. EPA-HQ-2017-002516

Dear Mr. Benning:

This letter concerns the above-referenced Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, received by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA or Agency) on January 3, 2017, in which you requested "1) Any correspondence – including, but not limited to, letters, emails, memos and email attachments – received by officials at the Environmental Protection Agency from President-elect Donald Trump, his office or officials on his transition team. Please limit the search from Nov. 9, 2016, to now. 2) Any correspondence – including, but not limited to, letters, emails, memos and email attachments – sent by officials at the Environmental Protection Agency to President-elect Donald Trump, his office or officials on his transition team. Please limit the search from Nov. 9, 2016, to now."

Given the scope of the request, EPA anticipates the need to search for and collect the requested records from multiple EPA offices that are separate from the office processing the request. Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 2.104(d), an extension of time required to respond to your request is necessary. The new due date is February 16, 2017, ten working days from February 2, 2017.

For an update on the status of your FOIA request you may access FOIA online.

Sincerely,

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Sarah Rees  
Director, Office of Regulatory  
Policy and Management

Message

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**From:** Clarke, Victoria [clarke.victoria@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** 3/3/2017 7:08:34 PM  
**To:** Anthony Lacey [alacey@iwpnews.com]  
**CC:** Teplitzky, Andy [Teplitzky.Andy@epa.gov]; Rementer, Nicole [rementer.nicole@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** RE: FOIA request

Hello Mr. Lacey!

As promised, this email serves to memorialize our conversation this afternoon discussing EPA-HQ-2017-002051. During our discussion, we further clarified the subject matter of your FOIA request, and were able to come to an agreement on search terms and custodians for which records might be found.

Our agreed upon search terms were the following:

- Transition
- Landing
- Election
- Clinton (but not the William Jefferson Clinton Building)
- President
- President-Elect
- Media
- Grants
- Contracts
- "Black out"
- Reporter(s)
- Budget
- FY17
- FY18
- "Fiscal year"
- Ebell
- Schnare
- Kreutzer
- Lipati
- Sugiyama
- FOIA
- Pruitt
- "Climate Change"
- "Climate Action Plan"
- "Clean Power Plan" or CPP
- "Waters of the United States" or WOTUS
- "Clean Water Rule"

Additionally, we discussed using a narrower set of custodians than initially proposed in order to streamline your search even further.

You agreed to a search of Shannon Kenny's email (EPA's Transition Team leader and also head of OP), as well as a search of the emails of the following Senior EPA Career Officials:

- Barry Breen – OLEM
- David Bloom – OCFO
- David Kling – AO
- Donna Vizian – OARM
- Kevin Minoli – OGC
- Lawrence Starfield – OECA
- Michael Shapiro – OW
- Mike Flynn – OAR
- Steven Fine – OEI
- Wendy Cleland-Hamnett - OCSP

If you have any modifications or questions regarding your request, please let me know by COB March 7, 2017. Otherwise, EPA will process your request as described above in accordance with EPA-HQ-2017-002051.

As always, thank you so much for your interest in the EPA.

Victoria

Victoria Clarke  
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 202-564-1149

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**From:** Anthony Lacey [mailto:alacey@iwpnews.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, March 03, 2017 11:17 AM  
**To:** Clarke, Victoria <clarke.victoria@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** FOIA request

Here's an initial list I put together for the FOIA request. Any thoughts?

announce  
 confidential  
 deliberative  
 share  
 transition  
 trump  
 election  
 clinton  
 names  
 projects  
 president  
 president-elect  
 media  
 reporters  
 reporter  
 news  
 budget  
 grants

FY17  
FY18  
fiscal year 2018  
organization  
hierarchy  
attachment  
forward  
myron  
ebell  
david  
schnare  
kreutzer  
austin  
lipari  
george  
sugiyama  
shannon  
kenny  
foia  
request

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**From:** Clarke, Victoria [clarke.victoria@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** 4/6/2017 1:03:19 PM  
**To:** Moumbleaux, Joan [moumbleaux.joan@epa.gov]; Rementer, Nicole [remitter.nicole@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** FW: E-Discovery Transition/Post Inaug Requests with Expedited Processing

To keep you both in the loop re: what's happening with the transition requests.

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**From:** Thompson, BrianK  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 05, 2017 11:23 PM  
**To:** Dolph, Becky <Dolph.Becky@epa.gov>; Perkins, Shannon <perkins.shannon@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Clarke, Victoria <clarke.victoria@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: E-Discovery Transition/Post Inaug Requests with Expedited Processing

Becky,

If the search goes back to 2015, then I just need to break that up again into two searches. Or if you would rather us just run each search request as is, feel free to submit the requests through the SPOC into our intake portal with the appropriate custodians and date ranges for each. I can then review each search string and re-work it from there as the requests still have unnecessary keywords.

However, these searches are still very broad and are likely to use up a large portion of our resources and storage space. As a quick example a PCA done on all the custodian's for a 4 day period (11/8 – 11/11 2016) on a small group of search terms resulted in 1616 hits ( which will expand in a full search and processing in to relativity). Again, that is just for 4 days and I believe that some of these search terms, given the identified custodians, will result in over half a million documents.

Since these FOIAs have been granted expedited status, does this allow us any flexibility on other requests that are coming in or already in line? I ask because if these requests are essentially jumping ahead of others then it would be helpful if we could then have additional leeway on the others.

Thanks  
Brian

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**Brian K. Thompson | Attorney-Advisor**

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**From:** Dolph, Becky  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 05, 2017 7:13 PM  
**To:** Thompson, BrianK <[Thompson.BrianK@epa.gov](mailto:Thompson.BrianK@epa.gov)>; Perkins, Shannon <[perkins.shannon@epa.gov](mailto:perkins.shannon@epa.gov)>



**Cc:** Clarke, Victoria <[clarke.victoria@epa.gov](mailto:clarke.victoria@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** RE: E-Discovery Transition/Post Inaug Requests with Expedited Processing

Brian – yes, we do have a search that goes back to 2015. The requests I sent you today are for FOIAs that have been granted expedited status under the FOIA regs by the National FOIA Officer. At this point I really think we should abandon the idea of a consolidated search and get going on the searches I set forth in today's email. We are really running a risk of getting sued on these expedited requests in particular – what do we need to do to get these moving?

Thanks,  
Becky

Becky Dolph | Director, FOIA Expert Assistance Team Office  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Office of General Counsel | 7309B WJCN | 202-564-5771

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**From:** Thompson, BrianK

**Sent:** Wednesday, April 05, 2017 2:15 PM

**To:** Dolph, Becky <[Dolph.Becky@epa.gov](mailto:Dolph.Becky@epa.gov)>; Perkins, Shannon <[perkins.shannon@epa.gov](mailto:perkins.shannon@epa.gov)>

**Cc:** Clarke, Victoria <[clarke.victoria@epa.gov](mailto:clarke.victoria@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** RE: E-Discovery Transition/Post Inaug Requests with Expedited Processing

Thank you Becky.

In double checking I do see that the first date range goes back to 2015. Is that correct? I had originally thought it was January of this year (2017). If it really is for 2015 then I'd need to re-work it as those additional terms do not need to be searched.

Also, are all Tier 1 and Tier 2 custodians required for each of these searches or can those be broken out as well?

Thanks  
Brian

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**From:** Dolph, Becky

**Sent:** Wednesday, April 05, 2017 12:47 PM

**To:** Thompson, BrianK <[Thompson.BrianK@epa.gov](mailto:Thompson.BrianK@epa.gov)>; Perkins, Shannon <[perkins.shannon@epa.gov](mailto:perkins.shannon@epa.gov)>

**Cc:** Clarke, Victoria <[clarke.victoria@epa.gov](mailto:clarke.victoria@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** RE: E-Discovery Transition/Post Inaug Requests with Expedited Processing

I am between meetings but will look at this when I get back. Thanks.

Becky Dolph | Director, FOIA Expert Assistance Team Office  
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**From:** Thompson, BrianK  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 05, 2017 12:08 PM  
**To:** Dolph, Becky <[Dolph.Becky@epa.gov](mailto:Dolph.Becky@epa.gov)>; Perkins, Shannon <[perkins.shannon@epa.gov](mailto:perkins.shannon@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Clarke, Victoria <[clarke.victoria@epa.gov](mailto:clarke.victoria@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: E-Discovery Transition/Post Inaug Requests with Expedited Processing

Becky,

Thank you for your email. Based on the previous emails and search terms/date ranges we reviewed and discussed with you last week, attached is my best rough estimate of how to structure this larger search. I have attempted to take the multiple searches and combine them as best I could into 5 separate ones, based mainly on common or similar date ranges. I have also gone ahead and removed key-words that we do not need to search and highlighted in "yellow" those that I fear will be too broad and over-inclusive. Again, this is just a first pass and perhaps we could separate some out or combine some again.

Also, is 'expedited processing' a FOIA designation? I think for some we could start the search/collections for tier 1 custodians sooner (the shorter date ranges), but for the multiple search term requests over a larger date range, those will take some additional time.

The concern I have is that this will be an overly broad collection that will not only take time to collect/search/process and review, but also use up a significant amount of our data storage. If there is a way we could reduce the collection of a significant amount of non-relevant documents that is my goal. It not only saves OEI time and money, but also saves time for you and the FEAT reviewers.

Thanks  
Brian

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**From:** Dolph, Becky  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 05, 2017 10:01 AM  
**To:** Thompson, BrianK <[Thompson.BrianK@epa.gov](mailto:Thompson.BrianK@epa.gov)>; Perkins, Shannon <[perkins.shannon@epa.gov](mailto:perkins.shannon@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Clarke, Victoria <[clarke.victoria@epa.gov](mailto:clarke.victoria@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** FW: E-Discovery Transition/Post Inaug Requests with Expedited Processing

Shannon/Brian – below are the FOIA requests that have been granted expedited processing for which we still have not started searches. We are culling these out to see if we can move forward with these, as we have to get moving. References to Priority 1 and 2 refer back to prioritized list of custodians I sent you last week and which I've set forth again below.

Let me know what we need to do here.

Thanks.  
Becky

Becky Dolph | Director, FOIA Expert Assistance Team Office  
U.S Environmental Protection Agency

Transition/Post Inauguration:

- EPA-HQ-2017-001816: Sullivan
  - Custodians: Priority 1 and 2 (listed below)
  - Search terms: Trump, ptt
- EPA-HQ-2017-002051: Lacey
  - Custodians: Priority 1
  - Search Terms: Black out, budget, clean power plan or cpp, clean water rule, climate action plan, climate change, Clinton (not WJCX), Contracts, Ebell, election, Fiscal Year, FOIA, FY17, FY18, Grants, Kreutzer, Landing, Lipari, Media, Myron, President, President-Elect, Pruitt, Reporters, Schnare, Sugiyama, Transition, Waters of the United States or WOTUS
- EPA-HQ-2017-002129: Traywick
  - Custodians: Priority 1 and 2
  - Search terms: Budget, clean power plan or CPP, climate, methane, Paris, Trump
- EPA-HQ-2017-003769: Restuccia
  - Custodians: Priority 1
  - Search terms: Budget, climate change, hiring

Region 6 Specific: I combed through my emails with Region 6, and Ben Harrison has provided me with the names of several individuals who would likely be Region 6 custodians for the Scott Pruitt Oklahoma requests.

- EPA-HQ-2017-001919: Kacyznski
  - HQ Custodians: Priority 1 and 2
  - Region 6 Custodians: Suzanne Smith, Barbara Nann, Ellen Chang Vaughan, Brian Tomasovic, Jim Costello, Pam Travis, George Malone
  - Search terms: Coal, Clean Power Plan or CPP, Clean Water Rule, Climate Change, emission, energy, federalism, fossil fuel, Exxon Mobil, Global Warming, greenhouse gas emissions, natural gas, navigable waters, oil, ozone, Regulatory Overreach, Waters of the United States or WOTUS
- EPA-HQ-2017-002197: Kothari
  - Region 6 Custodians: Suzanne Smith, Barbara Nann, Ellen Chang Vaughan, Brian Tomasovic, Jim Costello, Pam Travis, George Malone

- Search terms: Coal, Clean Power Plan or CPP, Clean Water Rule, Climate Change, emission, energy, federalism, fossil fuel, Exxon Mobil, Global Warming, greenhouse gas emissions, natural gas, navigable waters, oil, ozone, Regulatory Overreach, Waters of the United States or WOTUS

Priority 1 Custodians:

- Kenny, Shannon
- McCabe, Catherine
- McCarthy, Gina
- Meiburg, Stan
- Flynn, Mike
- Beauvais, Joel
- Bloom, David
- Breen, Barry
- Cleland-Hamnett, Wendy
- Dunham, Sarah
- Elkins, Jr., Arthur A
- Fine, Steven
- Garbow, Avi
- Giles, Cynthia
- Grantham, Nancy
- Hull, George
- Jones, Jim
- Kavlock, Robert
- Kling, David J.
- Minoli, Kevin
- Nishida, Jane
- Reeder, John
- Shapiro, Michael H
- Stanislaus, Mathy
- Starfield, Lawrence
- Vizian, Donna

Priority 2 Custodians:

- Benenati, Frank
- Burke, Thomas
- DiStefano, Nichole
- Dunkin, Ann
- Fritz, Matthew
- Garrett, Lateisha
- Gilinsky, Ellen
- Goffman, Joseph
- Herckis, Arian
- McCabe, Janet
- Mitchell, Stacey
- Natarajan, Nitin

- Niebling, William
- Pieh, Luseni
- Ragland, Micah
- Shenkman, Ethan
- Vaught, Laura
- Wachter, Eric
- Wilson, Shari

Message

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**From:** Clarke, Victoria [clarke.victoria@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** 4/4/2017 2:54:13 PM  
**To:** Dolph, Becky [Dolph.Becky@epa.gov]; Rementer, Nicole [rementer.nicole@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** FW: FOIA Request: EPA-HQ-2017-002051 status update

From Anthony Lacey re: an E-Discovery request.

Victoria Clarke  
Attorney-Advisor  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Office of General Counsel  
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**From:** Auther, Larry  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 04, 2017 10:52 AM  
**To:** Rementer, Nicole <rementer.nicole@epa.gov>; Clarke, Victoria <clarke.victoria@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Teplitzky, Andy <Teplitzky.Andy@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** FW: FOIA Request: EPA-HQ-2017-002051 status update

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**From:** Anthony Lacey [mailto:[alacey@iwpnews.com](mailto:alacey@iwpnews.com)]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 04, 2017 10:39 AM  
**To:** Auther, Larry <[Auther.Larry@epa.gov](mailto:Auther.Larry@epa.gov)>; FOIA HQ <[FOIA\\_HQ@epa.gov](mailto:FOIA_HQ@epa.gov)>; Gottesman, Larry <[Gottesman.Larry@epa.gov](mailto:Gottesman.Larry@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: FOIA Request: EPA-HQ-2017-002051 status update

Hi -- writing for an update on this FOIA EPA-HQ-2017-002051

It was designated expedited back in December and the most recent extension expired March 31. Can you please give me a hard finish date for getting these documents to me? It's literally a one-month window I asked you to search and we're now in April.

Anthony

On 2/8/2017 1:35 PM, [Auther.Larry@epa.gov](mailto:Auther.Larry@epa.gov) wrote:

02/08/2017 01:34 PM

Dear Mr. Lacy:

This letter is in reference to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request received by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA or Agency) on December 14, 2016, in which you requested a copy of "all communications (emails, letters, PowerPoint presentations, etc.) sent by EPA and received at EPA to and from both the Trump transition team and the Trump 'landing team' of select staff from November 15, 2016, to December 14, 2016. The transition team is the one with the website greatagain.gov. The 'landing team' is the Trump Transition team officials

that are working directly with EPA: Myron Ebell, David Schnare, David Kreutzer, Austin Lipari, David Stevenson, and George Sugiyama.”

Given the scope of your request, EPA anticipates that unusual circumstances will delay the delivery of our response due to the fact that the search for and collection of the requested records will require coordination with multiple offices that are separate from the office processing the request.

EPA has initiated the coordination of and search for responsive records in our files. Because of the broad scope of the request and the need to coordinate with multiple offices, it is difficult to predict with certainty how many records may be involved. At this time, EPA estimates it will be able to complete an initial records search and retrieval for your request by 31 March 2017. Of course, we will be working diligently on the request and will provide information to you on a rolling basis, if necessary.

If you would like to modify or narrow your request so that it may be processed sooner, please contact Andy Teplitzky at 202-566-2947 or [teplitzky.andy@epa.gov](mailto:teplitzky.andy@epa.gov). In addition, to assist with this matter, you may contact the EPA FOIA Public Liaison at 202-566-1659, and you may seek dispute resolution services from the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS). You may contact OGIS in any of the following ways: by mail, Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, Room 2510, 8610 Adelphi Road, College Park, MD 20740-6001; email, [ogis@nara.gov](mailto:ogis@nara.gov); telephone, (301) 837-1996 or (877) 684-6448; or fax, (301) 837-0348.

Sincerely,

Andrew Teplitzky

U.S. EPA, Office of Policy

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**From:** Anthony Lacey [alacey@iwpnews.com]  
**Sent:** 12/22/2016 5:50:16 PM  
**To:** Rementer, Nicole [rementer.nicole@epa.gov]  
**CC:** Clarke, Victoria [clarke.victoria@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** Re: EPA-HQ-2017-002051 (Trump Transition Emails)

Thank you so much -- apologies for any extra burden the additional names adds, don't want to inundate you at this time of year. Hope you both have a great time over over the holidays.

Best wishes,  
Anthony

On 12/22/2016 12:46 PM, Rementer, Nicole wrote:

Good afternoon, Mr. Lacey:

We agree to include the listed names provided below, along with the 77 individuals contained in the attachment, within the search scope for responsive records.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to me (contact information below), or my colleague Victoria Clarke at [Clarke.victoria@epa.gov](mailto:Clarke.victoria@epa.gov) or 202.564.1149.

Happy Holidays,

**Nicole M. Rementer**

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**From:** Anthony Lacey [mailto:[alacey@iwpnews.com](mailto:alacey@iwpnews.com)]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 20, 2016 4:36 PM  
**To:** Rementer, Nicole <[rementer.nicole@epa.gov](mailto:rementer.nicole@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Clarke, Victoria <[clarke.victoria@epa.gov](mailto:clarke.victoria@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: EPA-HQ-2017-002051 (Trump Transition Emails)

Hi -- sorry to add to the list, but is it possible to do the attached list you sent me plus the names below?

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**Sent:** 4/5/2017 3:49:04 PM  
**To:** Teplitzky, Andy [Teplitzky.Andy@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** FW: FOIA Request: EPA-HQ-2017-002051 status update

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**From:** Anthony Lacey [mailto:alacey@iwpnews.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 05, 2017 10:45 AM  
**To:** Auther, Larry <Auther.Larry@epa.gov>; FOIA HQ <FOIA\_HQ@epa.gov>; Gottesman, Larry <Gottesman.Larry@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: FOIA Request: EPA-HQ-2017-002051 status update

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**Sent:** 2/8/2017 6:37:02 PM  
**To:** Teplitzky, Andy [Teplitzky.Andy@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** EPA-HQ-2017-002051 Extend Due Date

The Due Date for request EPA-HQ-2017-002051 has been reset.

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**From:** foia@regulations.gov [foia@regulations.gov]  
**Sent:** 2/8/2017 3:23:29 PM  
**To:** Teplitzky, Andy [Teplitzky.Andy@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** FOIA Task Completed for Interim Release Notice

The FOIA Task - Interim Release Notice was completed. Additional details for this task are as follows:

Task Details:

- Tracking Number: EPA-HQ-2017-002051
- Task Type: Interim Release Notice
- Task Description: Interim Release Notice
- Assigned To: Andrew Teplitzky
- Assigned By: Andrew Teplitzky
- Date Sent: 02/08/2017
- Due Date: 02/08/2017
- Closed Date: 02/08/2017

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**From:** foia@regulations.gov [foia@regulations.gov]  
**Sent:** 2/8/2017 3:21:25 PM  
**To:** Teplitzky, Andy [Teplitzky.Andy@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** FOIA Task Completed for Interim Release Case File Review

The FOIA Task - Interim Release Case File Review was completed. Additional details for this task are as follows:

Task Details:

- Tracking Number: EPA-HQ-2017-002051
- Task Type: Interim Release Case File Review
- Outcome: Approved
- Task Description: Interim Release Final Review
- Assigned To: Larry Auther
- Assigned By: Andrew Teplitzky
- Date Sent: 02/08/2017
- Due Date: 02/08/2017
- Closed Date: 02/08/2017

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**From:** foia@regulations.gov [foia@regulations.gov]  
**Sent:** 2/8/2017 3:21:26 PM  
**To:** Teplitzky, Andy [Teplitzky.Andy@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** FOIA Assignment for Interim Release Notice for Request EPA-HQ-2017-002051

You have been assigned to the FOIA task - Interim Release Notice. Additional details for this item are as follows:

- Tracking Number: EPA-HQ-2017-002051
- Requester: Anthony Lacey
- Request Track: Expedited
- Assigned By: Andrew Teplitzky
- Submitted Date: 02/08/2017
- Due Date: 02/08/2017
- Description: Interim Release Notice
- Long Description: N/A



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**From:** foia@regulations.gov [foia@regulations.gov]  
**Sent:** 1/17/2017 6:41:58 PM  
**To:** Teplitzky, Andy [Teplitzky.Andy@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** FOIA Assignment for EPA-HQ-2017-002051

You have been assigned to the FOIA request EPA-HQ-2017-002051. Additional details for this request are as follows:

- Assigned By: Larry Auther
- Request Tracking Number: EPA-HQ-2017-002051
- Due Date: 02/14/2017
- Requester: Anthony Lacey
- Request Track: Expedited
- Short Description: N/A
- Long Description: Seeking all communications (emails, letters, PowerPoint presentations, etc.) sent by EPA and received at EPA to and from both the Trump transition team and the Trump "landing team" of select staff from Nov. 15, 2016, to Dec. 14, 2016. The transition team is the one with the website greatagain.gov. The "landing team" is the Trump transition team officials that are working directly with EPA: Myron Ebell, David Schnare, David Kreutzer, Austin Lipari, David Stevenson, and George Sugiyama. EPA is aware of the members of its own transition team, but to cover all the bases, the head of EPA's transition effort is Shannon Kenny. EPA has made minimal information about the transition available to the public, and the communications between EPA and the landing/transition team are impossible to obtain unless through FOIA. To make clear: this request includes all materials generated by EPA as well as all materials generated by the transition and/or landing team and sent to EPA.

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**From:** Teplitzky, Andy [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=8EA432FD9BE549729296C31E74FEC258-ATEPLITZ]  
**Sent:** 2/7/2017 3:27:36 PM  
**To:** Irving, Verna [Irving.Verna@epa.gov]  
**CC:** Kime, Robin [Kime.Robin@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** documents to print on letterhead for Sarah Rees signature  
**Attachments:** EPA-HQ-2017-002051 interim response letter.docx; EPA-HQ-2017-002149 unusual circumstances letter.docx; EPA-HQ-2017-002683 interim response letter.docx; EPA-HQ-2017-003177 interim response letter.docx; EPA-HQ-2017-003220 interim response letter.docx; EPA-HQ-2017-003342 interim response letter.docx; EPA-HQ-2017-002313 interim response letter.docx

Hi Verna. I understand Robin has spoken to you about my need for assistance in getting some FOIA responses out the door. Thanks very much for your support. I'm attaching letters that need to be placed on EPA letterhead for Sarah's signature. Please let me know if you have any questions. Send me an email or give me a call when they are ready for pickup. Thanks again.

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EPA Letterhead

Anthony Lacey (Inside EPA)  
1919 South Eads Street  
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Arlington, VA 22202

Re: Freedom of Information Act Request EPA-HQ-2017- 002051

Dear Mr. Lacey:

This letter is in reference to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request received by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA or Agency) on December 14, 2016, in which you requested a copy of “all communications (emails, letters, PowerPoint presentations, etc.) sent by EPA and received at EPA to and from both the Trump transition team and the Trump ‘landing team’ of select staff from November 15, 2016, to December 14, 2016. The transition team is the one with the website greatagain.gov. The ‘landing team’ is the Trump Transition team officials that are working directly with EPA: Myron Ebell, David Schnare, David Kreutzer, Austin Lipari, David Stevenson, and George Sugiyama.”

The EPA has commenced its search for records responsive to your request and is providing herewith an interim response consisting of a PDF of 76 pages that meet your request. These records are being provided to you in full. We will provide you with appeal rights at the time of the final production.

Given the scope of your request, EPA anticipates that unusual circumstances will delay the delivery of the remainder of our response due to the fact that the search for and collection of the requested records will require coordination with multiple offices that are separate from the office processing the request.

EPA has initiated the coordination of and search for responsive records in our files. Because of the broad scope of the request and the need to coordinate with multiple offices, it is difficult to predict with certainty how many records may be involved. At this time, EPA estimates it will be able to complete an initial records search and retrieval for the remainder of your request by 31 March 2017. Of course, we will be working diligently on the request and will provide information to you on a rolling basis, if necessary.

If you would like to modify or narrow your request so that it may be processed sooner, please contact Andy Teplitzky at 202-566-2947 or [ [HYPERLINK "mailto:teplitzky.andy@epa.gov"](mailto:teplitzky.andy@epa.gov) ]. In addition, to assist with this matter, you may contact the EPA FOIA Public Liaison at 202-566-1659, and you may seek dispute resolution services from the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS). You may contact OGIS in any of the following ways: by mail, Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, Room 2510, 8610 Adelphi Road, College Park, MD 20740-6001; email, [ogis@nara.gov](mailto:ogis@nara.gov); telephone, (301) 837-1996 or (877) 684-6448; or fax, (301) 837-0348.

Sincerely,

Sarah Rees  
Director, Office of Regulatory Policy and Management  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency